

The Grammarian



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HGS

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Would Atlantic Street be the same without its morning and afternoon traffic jams?



Although it's hard to find a quiet place to read or to do last minute homework, there's always floor space.



Everyone's friends at Grammar.

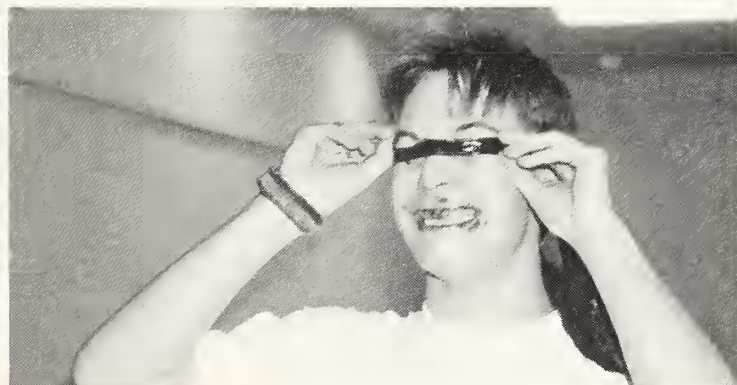
The After School Program is a hit with parents as well as students.

A Dedication to Our Community

This edition of the Grammarian is dedicated to our school's unique community. This is a place where everybody knows your name and you know everyone else's. This is also a place where you can expand the bor-

ders of your knowledge and not encounter obstacles, only encouragement. Our community is close-knit enough to feel comfortable about leaning on someone, but there's still worry about the grapevine. Still, the environ-

ment in which we spend most of our time cannot function without HGS's outgoing staff. Where there is a club, team or event, there is a member of the faculty behind it.



Height is no obstacle for Jean Beauchamp and Craig Oliver to find a quiet place.

The band program has given the opportunity for students to further their experience with music.

House activities keep students like Darren Steves into school spirit.

Another great thing about this school is that you come across the cutest faces!



Someone spiked my spaghetti sauce.

YEARBOOK



The Yearbook Committee: BACK ROW (l to r): Maya Mukhida, Jennifer Digby, Georgia Vandewater. FRONT ROW (l to r): Karen Kiang, Ian Caines, Allana Munro, Mimi Li, Eugenia Branchi, Nick Wright, Jimmy Miller.

Ow! My face hurts.



When we agreed to be the editors of this year's Grammarian in June of 1995, neither of us had any idea how much work would be involved. Putting together a yearbook involves a lot of work, late nights and caffeine. Disorganization when doing layouts and typing copies, and frantic searches for missing material is all part of the routine. For this reason, a successful yearbook requires a supportive committee and a strong supervisor for guidance. Luckily, this year's effort is blessed with both, and we would like to thank Dr. Chapman and our Yearbook Committee for the wonderful job they are doing.

-Catherine Thompson
-Nicholas Wilkinson



Our fearless Yearbook Advisor toils away diligently.

STUDENT COUNCIL

In the past few years, significant changes have been made to the constitution of the Student Council which reflect a growing awareness of Student Council's role as representatives of the entire student body. The Prep School Liaisons help maintain a link between senior students and the Prep School. In addition to regular meetings with the Prep School, the Liaisons are also planning their Winter Carnival. In the Upper School, Student Council has been responsible for various fund-raising events, including one in support of AIDS research, as well as such student services as a lunchtime canteen, "candygrams" and roses for Valentine's Day. All have been well received. Council has begun to represent student concerns on the edu-

cation committee and hopes to assume more responsibility in such areas. The Student Council is working closely with other Metro independent schools to co-ordinate student events, generally dances, throughout the school year. We are currently exploring different possibilities for dances in an attempt to better represent the views of the student body. We hope to have an enjoyable year and wish to thank Mr. Marchand, our staff advisor, for providing the gentle (and sometimes not-so-gentle, but always wise) guidance that is necessary as we plan our activities.

-Karen Kiang

Student Council Treasurer



If I could just stay awake for one more period . . .



Vice President Ian Caines momentarily neglects his duty to listen to students' complaints.



Student Council: BACK ROW (l to r): Kellie Manning, Jennifer Digby. MIDDLE ROW (l to r): Ian Caines (Vice President), Adam Conter, Karen Kiang (Treasurer), Jennifer Degrasse, Bernadette Zakher. FRONT ROW (l to r): Robert Liston, John Beauchamp, Craig Oliver, Billy Nikolaou (President), Maya Mukhida (Secretary).

F A C U L T Y



(front) Stephen Sumarah, Karla Silver, (1st row) Cyndy Stevens, Leann Jollimore, John Messenger, Judy Oliver, Deborah Goodfellow, (2nd row) Marjorie Cooper, Jennifer Chapman, Shirlean Lewis, Penelope Moxon, Pamela Smith, Robert Marchand, Steven Laffoly. (3rd row) David Wiggin, Kate DeGrass, Ruth Gallupe, Judi Henderson, Arnaudine Simms, Peter Beazly, Matthew Moffat, Laura Brock, Nancy Meinertzhagen, (4th row) Blair White, Patti Meehan, David Salloum, Luke Lawson.

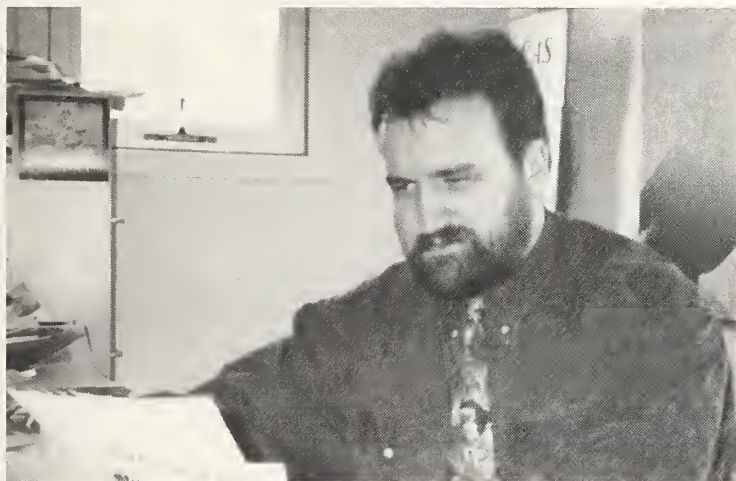


(above) Mrs. Meinertzhagen's blithe personality can brighten up anyone's day.

(left) Gossiping on the job?



(above) He's always been the ladies' man. (left) The Luke Lawson Wrestling Federation.



(above) "Don't take my picture" or what? (left) A teacher, a philosopher, a prophet-Bob.

(left) "You call this a job?" (below) A history teacher or an FBI agent? . . . The truth is out there.



(above) "Everything'll become much easier once you realize that I'm God."







GRADUATES '96

Aylin Alemdar

“Rrrrrrr”

Aylin has managed to stay at the school for eleven years, and people have never bored of her. She was able to entertain her classmates with her weird behavior in math, along with her loving and charismatic personality through-out the rest of the academic years. A great contributor to the life of Grammar, Aylin has influenced many with her unique and interesting ideas. Perhaps her style and wit is not always understood at school, but her real friends appreciate it. We got to know the actual Aylin in Quebec when she revealed a big secret about her pyjamas. Hope you achieve your brain-surgeon dream! Love you always.



Andrea Bezanson A.k.a. - Andi, Cookie, Chickie #2

“Roses are worth more dried than alive such a thing to say/ O how I adore you when you reinvent a rosy cliché.”

-The Tragically Hip

“Sometimes, I guess, there just aren’t enough rocks.”

-Forrest Gump

Cookie joined the Grammar School in her grade 10 year. We came to find her as a rather quiet person, unless around her closest friends. She is always willing to lend a hand to a fellow math student having trouble in class, or drive 20 minutes out of her way; just because she was asked. She writes poetry to pass her time, quite brilliantly. In fact, her thoughts translate beautifully on paper, which is why I’m surprised she didn’t write the above quotation, herself. She liked the feeling of mud between her toes, love in her heart and music in her soul. Good luck Andrea, I’m sure you’ll go far.

Peter Brannon

Peter Brannon is a 12 year veteran of the Grammar School. Being one of the oldest members of the graduating class, Peter is known for his maturity and leadership on the playing field. Because of his outstanding ability on the soccer field, Peter joined the senior team in grade 8. He had been captain throughout his high school years, and MVP in grades 10 and 11. His aggressive play on the field does not carry over into his personality. Peter’s creative work in the art studio is second to none. Being a friend to everyone who meets him, Peter is a serious student and an admirable person. He will turn heads wherever he goes next year, and we wish him good luck in whatever field he pursues.





Jennifer Bryant

"They're funny things, accidents. You never have them till you're having them."
-Eeyore

"And there is only one thing left to say, And that's 'I did it my way . . .'"
-Tempor

"The marine instructor said to me, 'You're scared of the darkness because you're scared to what you don't know. I'm going to teach you to know the darkness.' A profound statement."
-Harvey Keitel

Jennifer Bryant is no longer the shy little girl who joined our class in grade seven. In fact we've watched her grow from an awkward duckling to a graceful swan who shuns boys, or at least one in

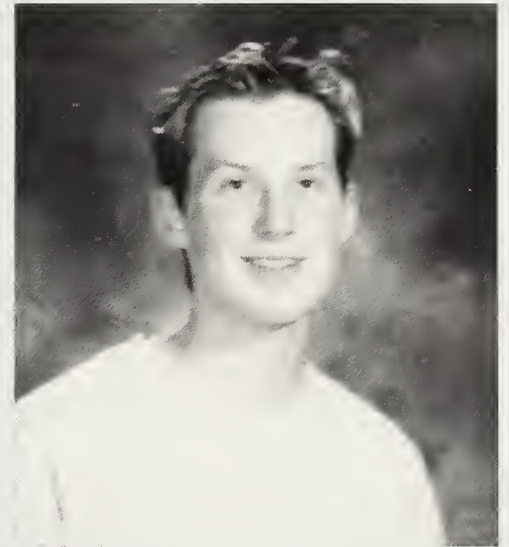
particular, with impunity. Over the years Jen has consistently excelled in academics while maintaining the most organized lockers/binders/notes/lives, although we hesitate to borrow the notes since her handwriting is only legible to a mouse. In spite of her legendary clumsiness (watch out for that tree Jen!), Jen is an accomplished musician and athlete. She plays the piano and flute and creates a lovely vocal duet with Ben. She has participated in school soccer, volleyball and basketball and is also an avid sailor and roller skater outside of school. All of these activities have helped to prepare Jen for her role with Adam Dyer as a Royals' house captain. In spite of her non-exhibitionist nature, Bry-guy takes great pride in her expert pen twirling, her membership in the CSS, the Chemistry Social Society, and her childish delight in playing with toys. We wish Jen the best of luck in her aspirations to be an oral hygiene professional, and don't forget a parsley a day keeps the halitosis away.

Robbie Cameron

"We all shine on . . ."

-John Lennon

Robbie is one of the longer standing members of our class. He joined us in Grade two, stayed on until Grade eight then left us for three years to spend time at the prestigious Nova Scotia boarding school of Kings-Edgehill. He returned to us in grade twelve, bringing along with him his headmaster and several teachers. Robbie is now faced with the uncomfortable duality of being both an "old guy" and a "new guy." This in no way has lessened our admiration of his artistic abilities which we've only seen improve over the years. In his early days at Grammar, Robbie's most common occupations were playing with transformers, reading MAD magazines and admiring and emulating marvel comics. Since his return Robbie's enthusiasm for speaking his mind has made him an invaluable member of the HGS debating team. It has also led to many interesting and shrewd contributions to discussions on such topics as quality of music (i.e. turn off that eighties trash), men's underwear styles, Postman Pat versus normal childhood toys, feet? and other issues that always arise when pondering the meaning of life, the universe and everything. Robbie has a kind heart, which he is trying to save by quitting some of the habits he has picked up over the years, and is a good friend and hard-working student. His artistic talents are hard to miss and we are sure he will not spend too much time experiencing the starving artist side of his chosen career.



Sau Fung Chan (Sunny)

Sunny, after graduating from High school in Hong Kong, decided to extend his education for one more year. Although he has only spent one year with us, his outgoing personality and kindness has made him a friend to all who have met him. He has excelled in Physics and Computer-Science while at the Grammar School. Sunny made his contributions to the Badminton and Volleyball team. Being the oldest in the graduating class, he is a very mature student who is well respected by teachers and peers. Whatever he does in the future will no doubt be most successful.





Elizabeth Cowie

"You only live once - but if you work it right, once is enough."

-Spencer Tracy

Liz ... Let's just call her the world's greatest artist. Throughout her six long years at Grammar, Liz has contributed a lot to our school and class. She's either preparing for an English oral on Romantic Art, or she's

busy in her darkroom for hours on end. But there are more things to Liz than art. She's been a great friend to many Grammarians, and no one can replace her sarcastic, yet warm friendship. Her extreme athletic ability has also dazzled many, completing only four cross country runs during her stay at the school. A girl of great style, class and great contributions, Liz can usually be found sitting in the hall donating good food to others. Liz, thanks for everything, and good luck in the future. We love you lots.

Chris Coxon

"Excuses are the biggest obstacles to learning. Learning only begins after you know it all."

-Anonymous

Chris Coxon is a person devoted to excellence. His athletic achievements in a diverse field of sports are among the greatest in Grammar history. His devotion to his academic standings are also very impressive. Throughout his 12 years at the Grammar School he has become a well rounded student as well as a role model for some of the younger students at the school. He is a friend with all, and will be missed very much. His personality and high personal goals will ensure Chris success in whatever he will do in life. Good luck Chris!



Jennifer Degrasse

"The one thing I've learned so far in life is - never eat yellow snow."

-Anon.

"The journey has been enjoyable and well worth making- once!"

-Winston Churchill

Jen is one of the 13 year survivors of HGS. She has the further distinction of having had her mother on staff all that time. Throughout her time at Grammar, Jen has been a valuable member of just about every sports team, ranging from cross-country running, to soccer and basketball. She has always contributed both her abilities and her spirit although she has yet to break any limbs, although on at least one memorable occasion she has given the rest of us quite a fright (Breathe deeply into that paper bag, Jen). Since primary, Jen could most often be found spending time with Billy and Georgina although their favorite hangouts have progressed from underneath the easel holding the Big Books in the Primary classroom, to the inside of a car, heading to MacDonalds Drive Through. Academically, Jen has always been a hard worker and her consistent effort has earned her a place on the honour roll this year. Jen has never quite been able to live down her mushroom haircuts of days pasted, although over the years we've learned to watch ourselves with what we say for fear of her sharp tongue and strong opinions. We know that Jen will enjoy herself wherever she goes, although we hope that a potential career in commerce will help her afford a replacement to her maroon Volvo.



Adam Dyer

"Skiing combines outdoor fun with knocking down trees with your face."

-Dave Barry

"God created man, but I could do better."

-Erma Bombeck

Adam came to the Grammar School in grade ten and made himself at home. He was the star goalkeeper for the school soccer team. He has continued with sports throughout his stay and has been

an active member on the basketball, volleyball and of course, soccer teams.

Adam is an executive member of CSS and all its affiliates as well as a house captain for Royals.

He has often been introduced as the human cartoon, the name stems from his Kramer style haircut and his child-like run. Outside of school Adam can be found either in a coffee shop on Spring Garden or floating down a river in Wolfville. Adam is one of the few male members of the class to crack the honour roll, and he is sure to succeed in whatever he chooses to do.



Iain Finlayson:

"The greatest understanding you can have, if you want to be enlightened is that no one will even understand you."

-Dr. Robert Anthony

If there is one person in the

graduating class that will always make his presence known, it's Iain Finlayson . . . A.K.A. Finn. Iain is a colorful character with an "off-beat" sense of humour, but we all love him (platonically)! His charisma carries over to the soccer field and the basketball court, two sports among the many

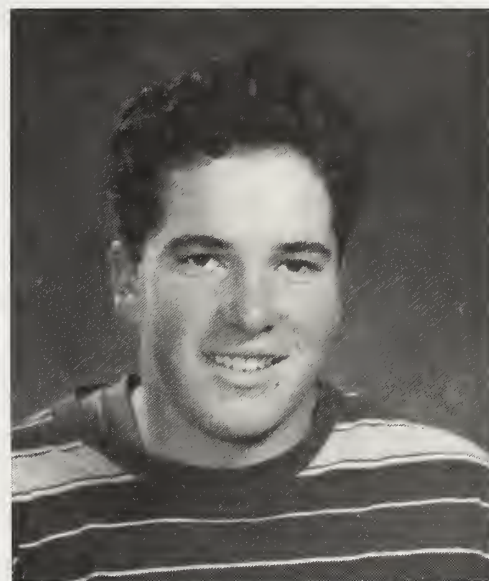
at which Iain excels. His familiar walk and smiling face are two reasons that Iain is one of the most amiable people in the Grammar family. Iain also has a tremendous gift for art, and a love of music. Wherever Iain goes we are sure to see his name in lights!

Ian Finley

"Sometimes the Light's all shining on me, other times I can barely see."

-The Grateful Dead

Mr. Finley joined our merry bunch back in the 9th grade, and of course, he was given the traditional, warm, HGS welcome by a certain class member . . . The stoic Finley (as he has come to be known, in the tradition of such single - name celebrities such as Madonna or Bond . . .) is known for his skill at vocal mimicry and also his god-like knowledge of Simpsons trivia (so what is the bee guy's real name?). He is also a guitar player "Par Extraordinaire" (French for "or so he lets on") and, no doubt, would surely have serenaded the class in Quebec or at Keji if I had let him use my guitar more often. I am quite sure that most members of this year's graduating class will never again come across a single individual who possesses the sophisticated humour and subtle delivery of our friend Finley (There once was a man from Nantucket..), or at least they will not admit to it. Finley has combined his obvious skill at stand-up comedy with expert credentials in sailing, impressive performances in HGS dramatic productions and guitar ability far superior to my own. I don't know where you'll end up next year, but I wish you luck in whatever you may decide on and always remember, it's funny because it's not you! Endut, Hoch, Hech.





Nick Gill

"I will bury myself in myself, and the devil may pipe to his own."

-Lord Tennyson

Nick has spent the last five years of his life at the Halifax Grammar School. During those years we have seen him grow, substantially taller than the rest of us, he has also managed to go through three headmasters and countless teachers. In spite of this, he has shown exceptional dedication to HGS both academically and through his singular commitment to HGS sports. Nick's quick humour has caught both his classmates and teachers off guard on numerous occasions. He has succeeded in maintaining a good academic average, while continually striving to improve himself. His athletic abilities extend beyond the school, and he is involved in many outside sports teams. Nick has an easy-going and cheerful nature which has made him many good friends. It has also made him a good person to have around to relieve a tense moment or provide a few laughs. Nick has matured greatly since he first joined us, and his loyalty and concern towards everyone he meets has consistently earned our respect. It will be a long time before any of us are able to forget Nick's sense of fashion, his ability to slam dunk, and his unfailing appreciation of just having a good time. Nick came to our school open and ready to learn and he's leaving with years of knowledge and memories under his belt, that hopefully will prepare him for the tough road ahead. Best of luck Nick.

Stephanie Hart

"Imagination is more important than knowledge."

-Albert Einstein

The arrival of her sparkling personality was briefly overshadowed by the vast number of new people who arrived in grade ten. Stephanie's charismatic presence was quickly noticed, if not by her overwhelming enthusiasms for almost everything, her occasional ear piercing screams always commanded the attention of all who were near. Stephanie's kind nature and keen

appreciation for childhood made her an exceptional candidate for her duties as House Captain of the newly formed Privateers. She is an awesome ballet dancer and is able to balance the heaviest of schedules from teaching classes, going to her own classes, work, school and social life, it is hard for me to imagine how she finds time to sleep and eat. Whether it be on the basketball court, on the way to McDonalds for lunch, or simply dancing down the hallway, her joyous attitude could always be felt. With a smile on her face and the hint of a giggle in her voice there is no doubt she will go far just so long as she keeps the L in the song! . . . MNOP . . .



Julie Henderson

"If you want to sing out sing out/ If you want to be free, be free/ /Cause there's a million things to be/ You know that there are."

-Cat Stevens

"Have you ever heard the words 'Julie' and 'social life' in the same sentence?" - Julie Henderson's winning Vice Presidential speech. Need we say more? Actually, no not really, but she'll sulk and whine if we don't. So, Julie is one of those really, really, really seasoned students - she's been marinating in Grammar juices since the tender age of five. In that time she has, on occasion,

been considered a quiet member of our class??? Nonetheless, her ripe sense of humour has entertained/ disgusted us all. Julie is one of those well-rounded people who has been a crucial member of Grammar sports teams, a passionate debator and public speaker, an excellent student and an accomplished musician (singing in math class). She likes: collecting already chewed gum (mmm, tasty), Tintin, Asterix, Silence of the Lambs, tennis, Jason, being obnoxious, drinking coffee and drawing nutri-grain bars. Julie's tenacity is bound to stand her in good stead in her pursuit of her future goals which include a career in medicine and world exploration.

Jessica Hill:

“Don’t ever tell anybody anything. If you do, you start missing everybody.”

-J.D. Salinger

“Dare to dream - dare to try - dare to fail - dare to succeed.”

-G. Kinsley Ward

Horse fanatic, air cadet, volleyball player, and one heck of a model Canadian, Jessica is that girl sitting in the corner, quietly gazing out the window who will turn and smile at you when you say hello and she’ll ask you how you’ve been. Kind and thoughtful, always willing to give of herself. Jessica also has that special, albeit twisted, sense of humour that carries her along her way whether she’s in a moment of crisis or on stage playing some sought after dead inspector. She doesn’t know what the future holds for her, but I’m sure it will be wonderful!



Robin Hill

One word to describe this brilliant student . . . perfection. We have all been blessed with his presence for the last . . . well . . . forever. This is almost for the best considering he adds “colour” to the drab and dreary school. Robin, full of surprises, I’m sure you’ll always remember some of them. Bowling down the hall, playing with eggs, apples and “bananas,” skating in the corridor, or perhaps in the library expanding his knowledge of biology. Robin, loved by the teachers of HGS and the student body will always remember him. He was a bundle of joy, with an endless source of energy. He was a hard worker in subjects in which he was interested. He made everyone feel welcome by his friendly gestures in the hall. His humorous antics will be greatly missed. All the best Robin, hope you succeed in all you do. Thanks for being such a great friend. Roses are red Robin.

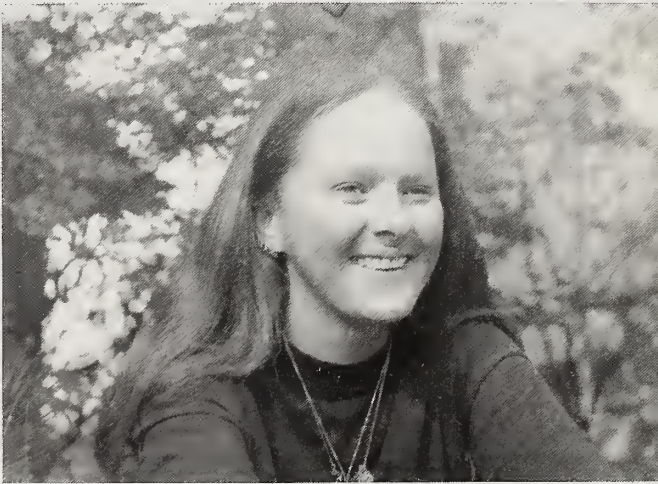


L’Aura Joy

“Normal is boring.”
-Fido Dido

“Oh, for all I care, they could be apples, cherries, or tomatoes.”
-A downtown bumb

L’Aura joined our class in grade 11. Coming from India, the culture shock was great, yet she was enthusiastic to learn from both the people and the school. Her unique sense of humour and exciting personality made everyday different here at HGS, in one way or another. L’Aura would greet many friends with her gales of laughter from her regular hallway spot. Through her love and vast worldly knowledge, she was a big contributor to the class. From her dancing in Quebec to her canoeing experience in Keji, L’Aura will always be remembered. Perhaps we may not see her for donkey’s years, but everyone knows that her affinity for strangers will make the rough path easier. The best for next year, to a true friend and classmate.





Siu Shun Lai

Ron was one of the two students who came all the way from Hong Kong to join our grade twelve class. He had already graduated from High School and came to HGS to have the experience of a Canadian school, we were lucky he chose HGS. It took a while for us to get to know Ron as his knowledge of English was limited, however a couple weekend excursions with the class and his knowledge of English and other Canadian customs was greatly increased. Ron's participation on the volleyball teams has helped reveal to us even more of his hidden talents. The fact that he bikes to school everyday, through rain or snow earns him great respect as none of us would do it and we've lived with snow all our lives, or maybe that's the reason why we don't. Ron's quiet demeanor and great sense of humour have made him a friend to everyone. We can ask him for help in Physics, and Math and Chemistry . . . and he is always happy to comply. Often its the little things that are so important and Ron demonstrated this (along with Sunny) by sending everyone in the class a card for Christmas. We wish Ron the best of luck and we are sure that he will succeed in any country he decides to live in.



Ben Lander

"We are all in the gutter, but some of us are looking at the stars."
-Oscar Wilde

"We can't all and some of us don't. That's all there is to it."
-Eeyore.

When Ben first arrived at HGS in grade 4 no one could have realized what was in store for them. With his fanatic devotion towards Latin (or at least a certain blue hippo named William), Ben excelled in all areas of academics. Whenever he became inspired with a flame of motivations Ben always proved himself as a fierce competitor whether it be on his bike at provincials or just racing for shotgun, all the while exhibiting a style all his own (can we ever forget the green hat?). When not attending a C.S.S. meeting or tubing down a river, Ben can sometimes be found in the company of one known to us only as BOX. No matter what path he chooses, his unyielding dedication is bound to take him far. So, Ben how many paper balls does it take to fill a locker?

which derive from her boonie upbringing, others from her Scottish heritage, such as Robert Burns, Cape Breton music, highland dancing and mmm haggis. Lisa has always been enthusiastically involved in extra-curricular activities, her school spirit shining through in her involvement as Treasurer of Student Council, founder of the long-lasting Aerobics Club, co-editor of the 1995 Grammarian, captain and resident fanatic of the volleyball team, member of the Breakfast club, the Contact Lens Society and the CSS and Glooscap House Captain (yeah, sure you're going to win). Lisa has her own obsessions, such as fetal pig dissections in Biology, debating (heh, heh), ownership of the canteen box, singing with her rodent dog, Breton and sewing cute fuzzy teddy bears to ease through exam times. Lisa's friendly and open personality, has gained the respect of her peers. Her volunteer work at the IWK as well as her place as one of the 5 remaining IB diploma students will prepare her well for a future career in medicine, as long as she gets over her fear of large bumps and blood.



Lisa MacNeil-Covin

"Thou hast seen nothing yet."

-Cercantes

Lisa was one of the 16 evil new people who intruded upon our happy little class in grade 10. Her intrusion was especially notable as she excelled in academics, and has continued to do so, something which was initially not welcomed by the oldtimers. Since then, we have come to love Lisa and her funny little quirks some of



Kellie Manning

"The best memory is not so firm as faded ink."

-Chinese Proverb

"Life is what we make it, always has been, always will be."

-Grandma Moses

Kellie joined our class in grade ten, with the rest of the new people. Her lively sense of humour soon brightened up our class. We'll never forget Fische, the Bird, and Sheeple. It is difficult to miss Kellie's bright tiger tail attached to her enormous backpack (just what textbooks don't you have in there Kel?) as she makes her way through the halls of Grammar. Kellie should take pride in having survived German

with the Frau for three long years. Without her German, immersion at Acadia just wouldn't have been the same (Jack the Dine, Durchfall). Kellie has distinguished herself as Privateers' House Captain, perfect and prep school liaison on student council, member of the breakfast club, debater, and co-editor of the Yearbook. Kellie will also be remembered for burrowing beneath the ground for house points, her impersonations of Dr. C, and the pleasure she took in attacking teachers with supersoakers in the halls. Kellie has been an enthusiastic member of the school soccer and basketball team, in which her face paints and purple spandex shorts have helped cheer us all on. Kellie has contributed to our class as both a witty comedian and as a caring and concerned mother. She has always striven to help people feel welcome and we promise never to spell her name with a Y. Cheers!

Georgina Mastrapas

Georgina has managed to distinguish herself through her 13 years at HGS with her pride in her Greek heritage, and her appreciation of expensive cars, expensive clothing and good-looking guys. Although at times her taste has been called into question, she's the only member of our class who has consistently been able to show up at school dressed with the elegance, style and taste that the rest of us reserve for

anywhere but school. Georgina is one of the only other 3 year survivors of HGS German, and her consistent effort in this course was characteristic of her approach to all her school work. Seemingly quiet, on occasions Georgina has the temper and wit to make her Greek ancestors proud. She is one of the few people who possess a true appreciation for such haute cuisine as McDonalds, sampling their fare in Boston, Quebec, and right here at home.



Scott McKenna

"Every now and then I get a little bit nervous that the best of all my years have gone by."

-Bonnie Tyler "Total Eclipse of the Heart"

"You can't always get what you want."

-Mick Jagger

Scott, a native Torontonion, is one of the more profound members of our class. Over the years he has managed to liven up many conversations with his witty stories and deep thoughts on religion, philosophy, social trends and music. We

have seen Scott's tastes change from obsessions with his cat Foo, to Marcy Laing, to pagan gods, to guitar music, but still his cat Foo and then Kasia. In spite of his intense relationships with girls, Scott himself has pointed out that his shaved legs, long hair and earrings would make him a highly successful transvestite. This particular talent has been put to good use in his portrayal of the Frau. Scott has amazed us all with his poetic ability and has proved to be a valuable member of the Live Poets Society. He is also an accomplished cyclist, which accounts for the shaved legs, and you can often spot him biking in South End Halifax in his bright yellow jacket and black spandex. Scott likes coffee shops, trips to Europe, sleeping in, taking censored breaks during exams, Ann Rice books and surprising us all with his natural abilities. Scott was a good friend of our Eastern European immigrant, Andre, need we say more? Scott is the lone male member of the exclusive group striving to complete an IB diploma. Good luck in your future endeavours in commerce.





Billy Nikolaou

"I have spoke with the tongue of angels/ I have held the hand of a devil./ It was warm in the night./ I was cold as a stone./ But I still haven't found what I'm looking for."

—U2

Billy has had the chance to experience something only a few people have ever done - 13 years at Grammar School. Only here could he learn how to get away with driving without a license for so long. With him came the mini-van, and with the mini-van came the memories. World records were set as nearly twenty people could be found cruising the city. Billy's taste for fine dining, clothing and hair care products was impeccable. Every long lunch would result in trying new restaurants around the city. Academically, Billy did very well, although those years outside of French class didn't help much. Early on, he found that the simplest solution was often the correct one. His blunt and straight forward attitude was appreciated by all the teachers, who treated him equally and fairly. Any frustrations he had were taken out on the soccer field where he led the team in scoring and red cards. Billy is a natural leader who led by example on the field,

Harry Nair (A.K.A. Mabandu)

Harry came to the school in grade 10. He became known as the kid who didn't show for the first month of school. His solitary personality matched his absence from school, or so we thought. But Harry's involvement in School athletics and social gatherings made his vibrant presence known to all. Always ready to do whatever, he had fun during his years at Grammar. It was all good in Quebec! Tical!

as well as in his role as student council president. His leadership was most notable on soccer trips when he made sure everyone got to sleep on time, and showed the rookies the do's and don'ts (by example of course). The secret to Billy's great stamina and endurance remains a mystery, as does the reason he keeps warm in the cold. Billy realized that trips to Montreal didn't mean he could slack off in his school work. In fact, he found the perfect place to have Chem class and revealed to a few of us his professional skill in handling test tubes. Occasionally, Billy takes on challenges that are seemingly impossible. Somehow, though, he always ends up on top, youu knowww. This may be how he became known as God. He decided who and who wasn't in the loop, and who was on the list. After years of practice of Greek traditions, he introduced the best ones to the rest of us, and showed us the true meaning of Greekfest. As a health fanatic, he keeps his arms in shape by keeping his fluid level high. His many adventures abroad brought us the legend of the kamikaze. Although he can't stay away from SMU, Billy will expand his mind at Dal next year, and we hope he remembers that there is more to school than just learning. And remember, "Our world is a lesbian wedding." (Friends).



Liza Piper

"The fact is that I long, I burn, I yearn, I thirst, I most earnestly desire to do absolutely nothing."

-Baron Corvo

"Take your places, choose your sins."

-P.w.e.i.

There is so much to say about Liza, yet so little space. Liza is one of those true originals who came to the school in primary and did not take any time off except for a sabbatical in Greece in grade 5. Liza is also one of those people who always has something to say, and everyone else will be sure to hear it. She is an academically

amazing student who has contributed to the school in areas of student council, poetry, drama and of course, sports. Outside of school, Liza's reputation precedes her as a socially aware individual who likes having fun. Liza holds a special place in her stomach for both cheesecake and snowflakes. Internationally, Liza is most well known for attacking (verbally, of course) some man named Bill, who pre-empted the 1995 graduation ceremonies. If not for anything else, Liza will be remembered in the halls of HGS where she clomped along in velvet bell-bottoms, sequined shirts, maternity dresses and her army boots. With dreams of landing up in the arctic pursuing a career in physics, we can be sure that Liza will succeed.



Matthew Sommerfeld

"Ooouunnnnnnnnn"

Chewbacca

Matthew graced us with his presence for the first time in Grade 10. He has always been quiet. He never really opened up to anyone, he just seemed to hum Aerosmith tunes all day by himself. It wasn't until Grade 11 that Matthew hit the loop with a vengeance. Although some minor setbacks

like room arrangements on every trip kept him away, before long he provided 50% of the Elitist duo. Academically, Matthew proved that the simplest answer goes a long way. Matthew could easily be found as he towered over everyone, and his height came in handy in his wrestling matches with Marc Gill. Athletically, Matt did it all, from high scorer in basketball to most goals scored on as a keeper in soccer. Matt was one who had several obsessions which ranged from Pamela Anderson to his Big Ten Inch (referring to Aerosmith, of course). One of his most memorable attributes was his ability to quote Chandler Bing and the infamous Chewbacca. His life was led to the fullest as he and Billy managed to visit every restaurant that exists in Halifax throughout the course of the year. This couldn't have been done, though, without the help of Mr. Visa and his flashy yellow jacket. With the ladies he was always calm and collected, always playing hard to get. Luckily, God was on his side to protect him from the lashes, although his readmittance into the loop was always in question. No one could forget the memories of the old two door - he's still trying to get Nick's smell out of there, and someone's donair sauce seems to be permanent. Parties were not the same without his presence. He was soon introduced to the almighty kamikaze, and his life was never the same again. Matt's humour and some peuto was unbeatable, but remember Matt, spaghetti just don't mix, youu knoooww! Oh yeah, we believe you - Bobby Hurley doesn't suck (anyways), but Wayne Gretzky is the greatest, in Matt's mind that is. On a more serious note, we all know Matt will be successful in whatever he does, and if not, he still looks cool with his cell. And remember, "Our world is a lesbian wedding." (Friends).

Darryn Steeves

"We're here for a good time. Not a long time. So have a good time 'cause the sun can't shine everyday."
-Trooper

Darryn joined our merry band of thieves in this his final year of High School. His open and friendly personality helped him to quickly make friends, as well as his shared

liking for such television shows as "The Simpsons" and "Friends". Since then we have come to admire his academic prowess as he has not only transferred to a new school but he is also excelling in Higher level IB courses. Wonder Boy shows strong enthusiasm for just about anything, including his participation on the school volleyball team, his jeep, Steppenwolf, the school fight song, his membership in the contact lens

society, and especially his weekend exploits. Such enthusiasm has made Darryn declare himself the real "Wild One" of the class. Darryn has an unhealthy allegiance to the popular teen hangout that is Burger King. We are sure that Darryn shall shun no opportunity that comes his way in the future. We wish him the best of luck in surviving the Beast, proving that, yes, he is over nineteen and pursuing a career in physiotherapy.



Rachel White (a.k.a. The Birdi, Birdgirl)

"And when the night is cloudy there is still a light that shines on me./Shine until tomorrow./Let it be."
-John Lennon/Paul McCartney

Rachel was another one of the "newcomers" in grade ten. Rachel is an accomplished scholar, basketball player and dancer. One of her most memorable traits is her speed demon exam writing which allows her to maintain high marks in half the time. Rachel has a kind spirit which comes through when she's working with children, most notably in her role as prep school liaison, teaching dance to children every Saturday, and her work this past summer as a

councillor at a camp for foster children. Since grade ten we have come to respect Rachel for her honesty, perhaps sarcasm, or even cynical wit. Although the best description of Rachel possibly comes from that esteemed resident of the Galapagos Islands, the blue footed booby. There is a certain mystery surrounding Rachel; however she has been known to let loose on occasion (Rollin', Rollin', Rollin'). Some of Rachel's most memorable moments at Grammar have included her time spent on the roof rack, her participation in the Debats . . . l'Acadienne (never again), and conversations shared over a mochaccino. We wish this New Brunswicker, who thankfully has retired all of her Northern Reflections wardrobe, the best of luck in her scientific pursuits wherever she chooses to go.

What DO they do with all those frees, anyway?

Some like to relax with a bit of music.

Some can be found on laughing gas.

The boys can be found showing off by lifting heavy objects.

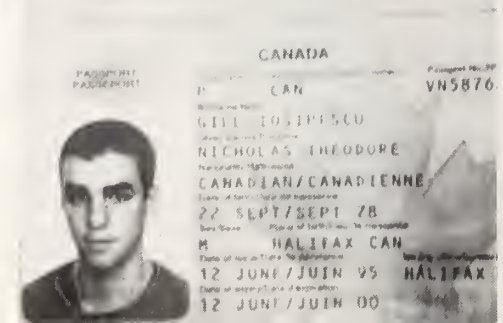


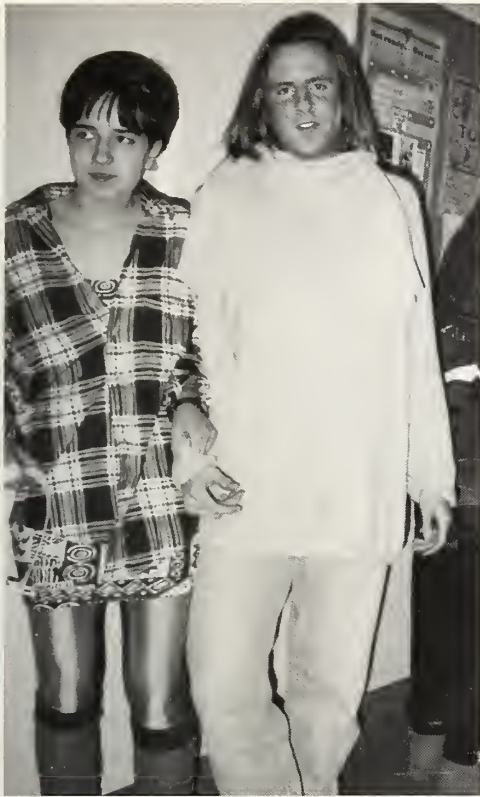
Liz can be found defying the laws of gravity.

Some suffer nervous breakdowns once in a while.



Where are
you + heo?





left: Some dress up and dress down.



below: Some are found asleep.



Others can be seen making fun of the younger grades.

Some just like to hang around.

Graduation 1996





The Prep School

Susanna Allen
Dana Archibald
Matthew Boswick
Gareth Bush
Andrew Byrne



Owen Chauhan
Kevin Fiske
Hannah Foster
Kyle Hartlen
Andrew Hood



Stephanie Langley
Mitchell Lockhart
Aleka MacLennan
Lisa McArthur
Simon McCormick



Erica Paletz
Nathan Pink
Michelle Robinson
Leilani Ross
Nikhil Satish



Tarou Scott
Christopher Smith
Lucy Soudek
Erene Stergiopoulos
Erin Wilson



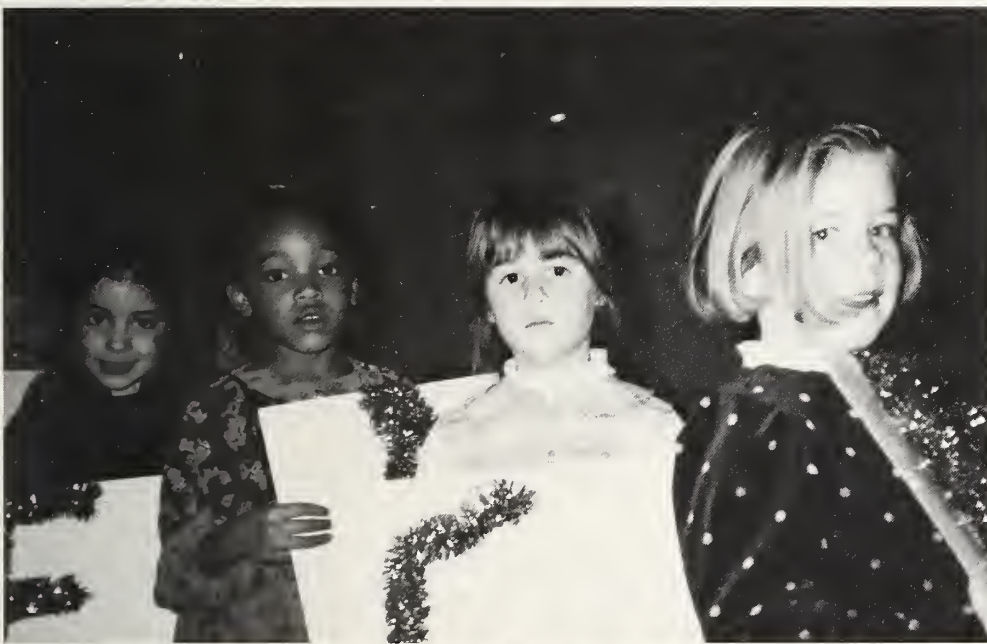
Breugh Wood



Primary



"I get giddy when I play with putty."



The backstage jitters seem to be getting to these girls.

All bundled up for that possible corridor blizzard?

We hope your head isn't lodged in between those clouds.

Prep 1



Sticks and stones may break your bones,
but peace will never hurt you.

Looking for your pulse?



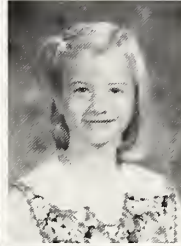
Gotcha!

Two heads are better than one.





Thomas Apostle
Roy Argand



Caroline Benstead
Katie Bethune



Tommy Brothers
Patrick Bryson
Austin Creighton
Meredith Conrod
Clara Corkum



Emily Duncan
Elizabeth Federico
Jennifer Jackson
Kerry Lawrence
Leanne Maloney



Victoria Manzer
Angela Miller
David Pace
Hilary Risley
Amanda Robertson



Erica Scott
Erin Slaunwhite
Sean Sullivan-Smith
Jocelyn Stairs
Laura Tupper-Ring



Shelby Weaver
Patrick Wiggin

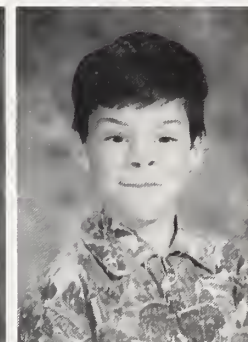
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Ellen Garson
Robbie Haldane



Luke Hansen-MacDonald
Hilary Kitz
Jessica Margolian
Ronan O'Keane



Benjamin Pelzer
Michael Rockwood
Nicole Roda
Peter Shatford



Laurent Stoffyn



Hanna Zatzman



Prep 2



Strike a pose! Well, OKAY . . . if you guys don't want to.



I hope that isn't the "bad" chair, Peter.

It has been proven that one out of three students at HGS experience seizures when having their picture taken.



Prep 3

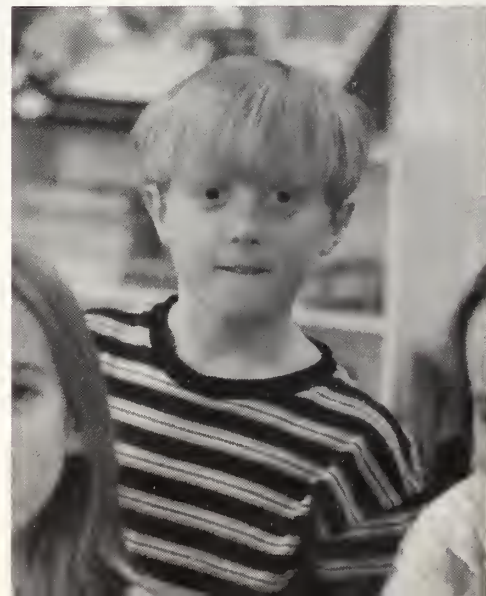


(right) Timber!!!!!!

(below) Any time, any place.

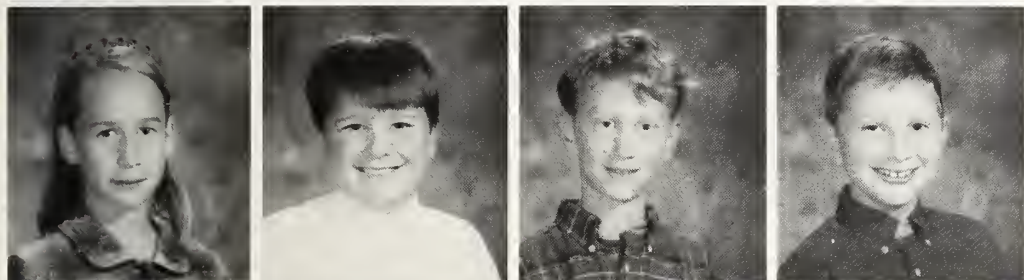


(far right) Take it easy with those batons, you crazy majorette!





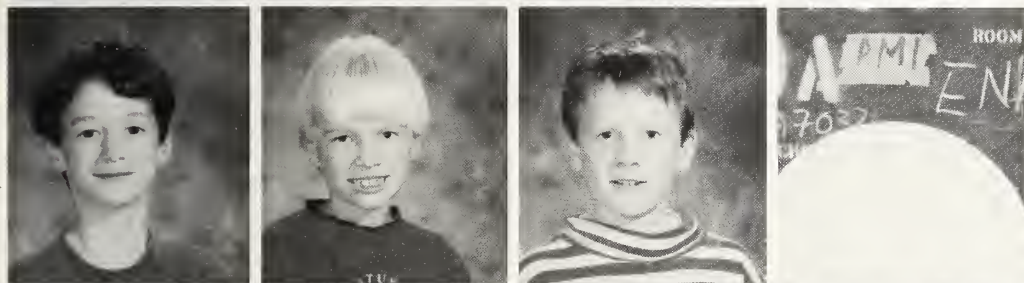
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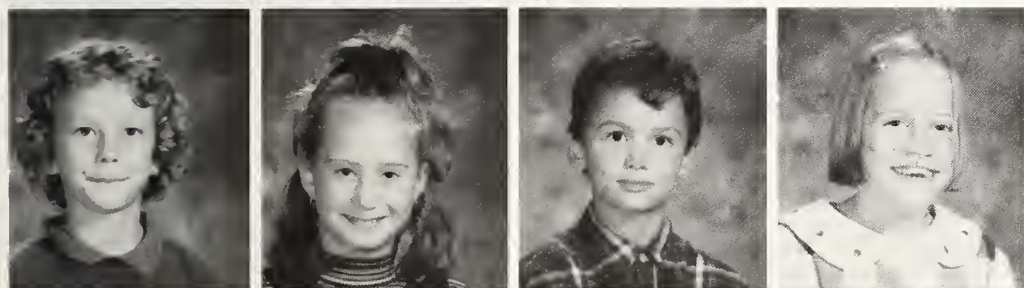
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Oliver Foster
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Eric Goldberg



Read Guernsey
Michael Jackson
Mats Juneke
Alexander Lindsay



Alex Livingston
Kevin Maloney
Kyle Miller
Ellen Page



Tim Pelzer
Charisse Roza
Niklaus Schwenker
Margaret Sheridan



Charlotte Skiba
Martin Soudek
Joshua Spatz
Iain Thompson

Prep 4



What an attentive bunch.

It's easy to tell that you guys don't feel like being in class.



The body pout.

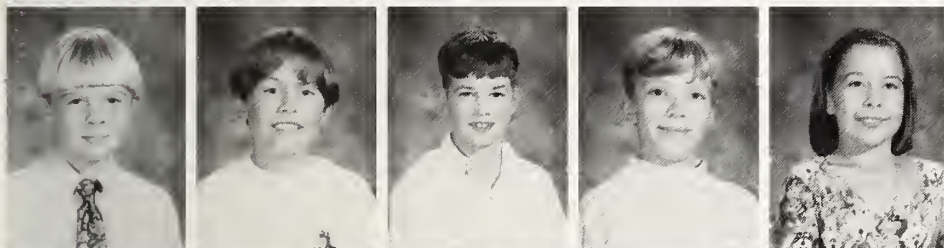




Farah Abdoly
Charles Armour
Bridget Arsenault
Teddy Benstead
Robin Blatch



Caroline Brett
Gwendolyn Chapman
William Cochran
Andrew Conrod
Jenna Conter



Carl Eisenbarth
Anthony Federico
B.J. Fougere
Nicholas Hansen-MacDonald
Jenna Jamieson



Daniel King
Kate MacDonald
Sarah Miller
Sandy Nicholson
Stephanie Norman



Katie Radchuck
William Sheridan
Oliver Stoffyn
Christian Stringer
Kevin Tam



Hazel Walling-Raymond
Jane Willwerth

Prep 5

"I spy with my little eye . . . something that flashes."

"Jump! Jump! Jump!"



"I'm in the money!"

How fun is group work, really?





Farzad Abdoly
Cristoph Barrow
Nirupama Belliappa
Lauren Billard



Elizabeth Cameron
Peter Campbell
Donal Corkum
Samuel Harrison



Almira Hussain
Robert Kitz
Sarah Jayne Langley
Roddy Legay



Ravi Mishra
Will Mushkat
Maxine Nazaretian
Nandy Okraku



Arwen Ross
Michael Roy
Sarah Smith
Jonah Snyder



Robert So
Ben Turnbull
Emily Wiggin
Nickolaus Willwerth

Prep 6



I wonder what type of "message" is in the box?

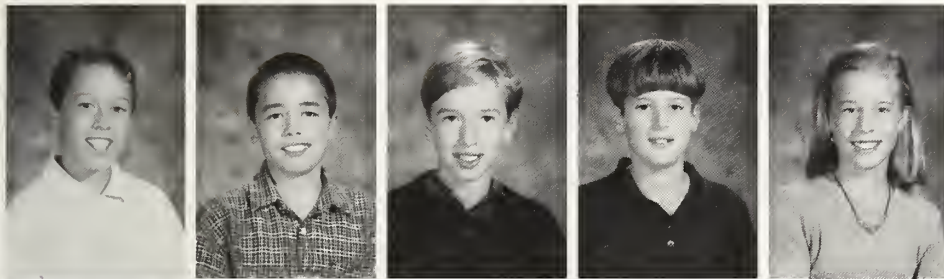
The play that this class put on at the Winter Concert was adored by the parents.



Great form, Sarah!

Although not always comfortable, the library floor is a popular place to work.

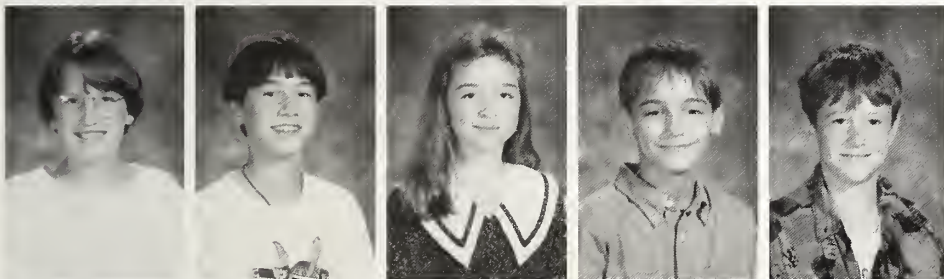




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Iain Armour
Peter Benstead
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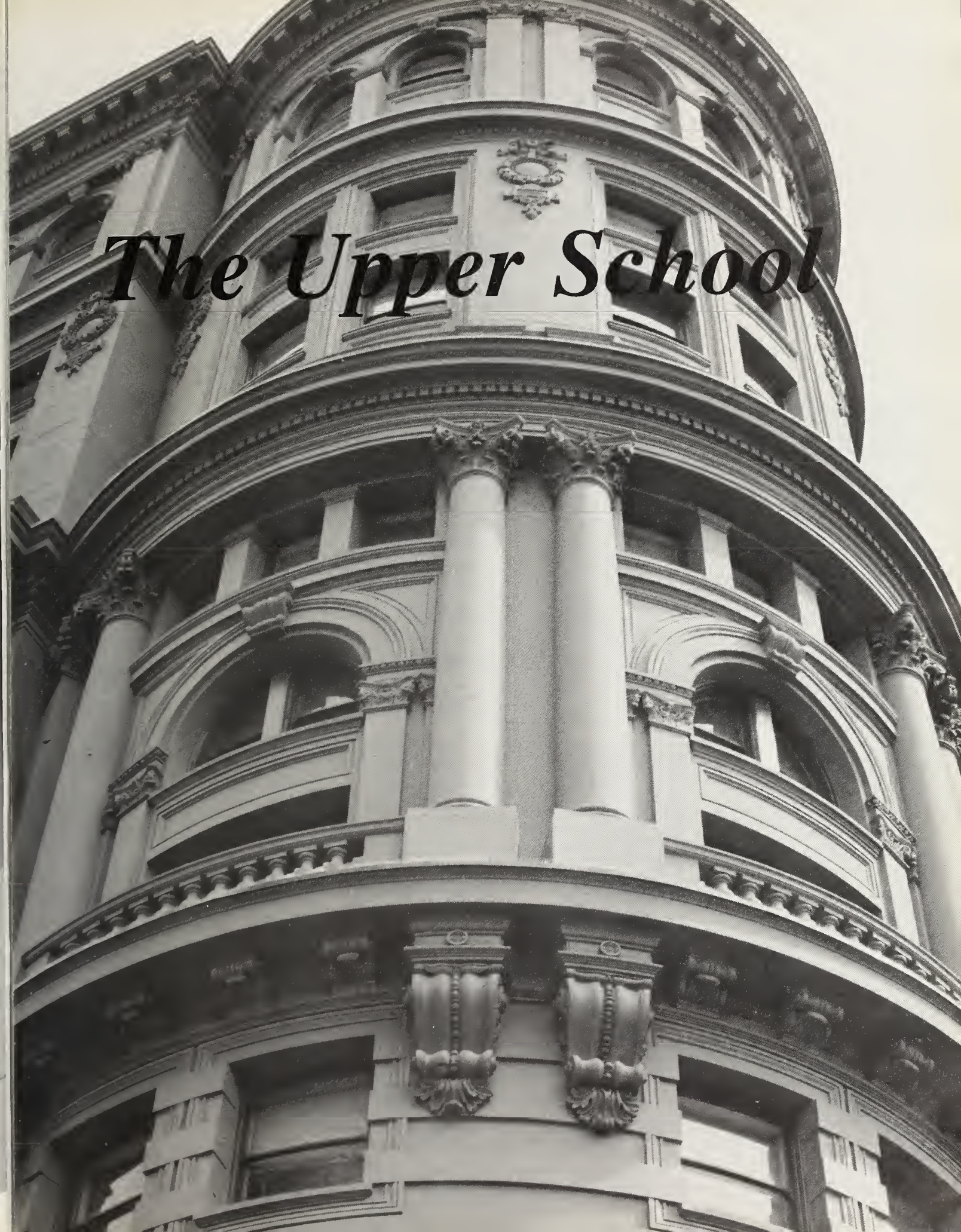


Alastair Moir
Tabitha Osler
Allen Pooley
Carole Reid
Quinn Robson



Jonathan Sadubin
Kristopher Skiba
Reuben Soloman
Kristin Wheatley
Sara Zatzman





The Upper School

Upper 1

Some people experience facial paralysis when having their photo taken.

You can't swim by that easily, Adam.

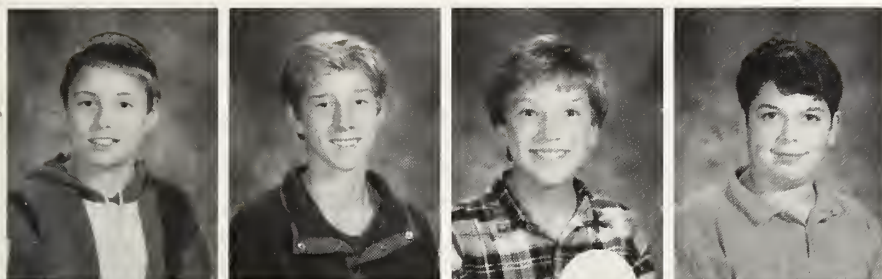
"I wish I was a comic book hero ..."



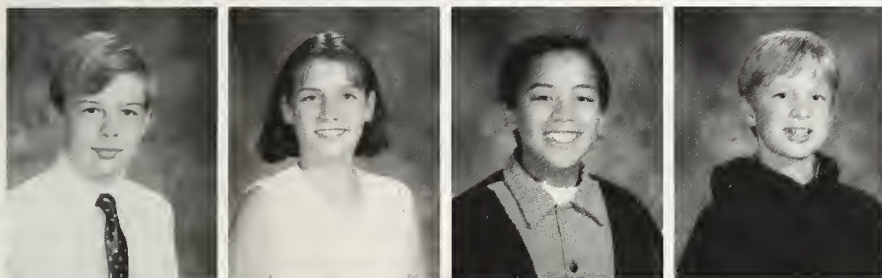
The blind feeding the hungry.

"Oh no! I'm imploding again."

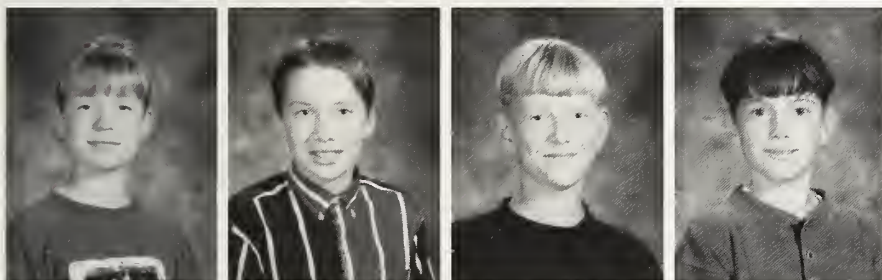




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David Barrow
Ian Campbell
Adam Conter



William Eisenbarth
Alexis Granelli
Mahmood Hussain
Alexander Kitz



Ginny Koreman
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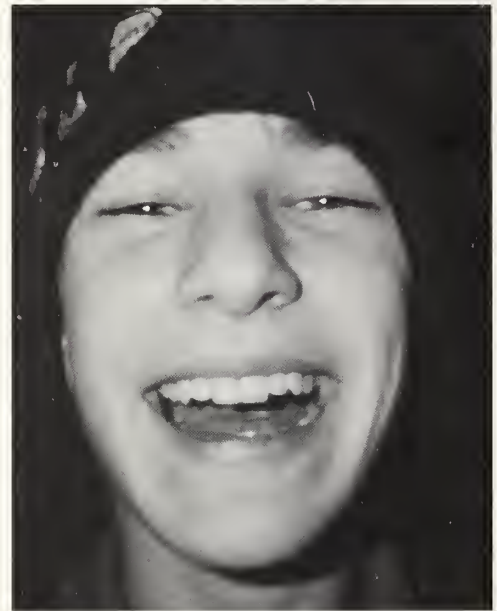
James Schwartz
Ryrie Vandewater
Ian Wilson



Upper 2

Ever think about doing Airwalk advertisements, girls?

Looks like Jamie just robbed a bank.



If you're looking for your sheep, I think they're in the staff room.

Definitely a candidate for a Teenbeat centerfold.





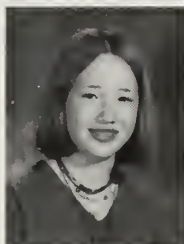
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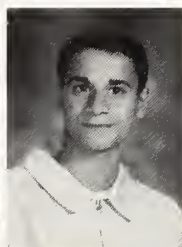
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 Jesse Fetterly
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 Bartholomew Furrow



Darah Gaum
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 Jamie Gregor
 Arthur Harrison
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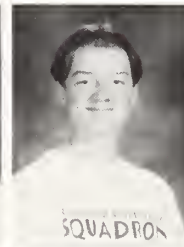
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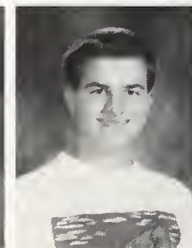
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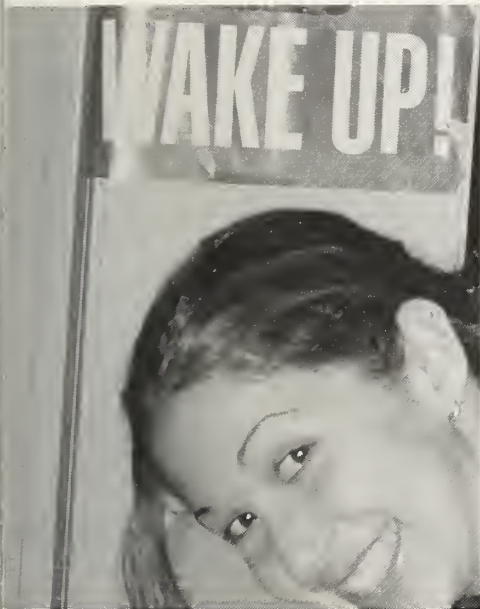
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Ada Poranek
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Jennifer Wheatley



Upper 3



Unlike most people, Tamar only fully wakes up when she opens her locker door.

Jack Dudley likes to spend quality time in the library.



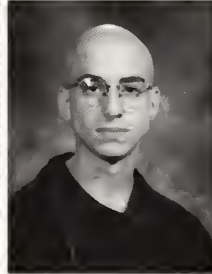
Bend over for the camera!

I know, I know . . . No one likes yearbook photographers.

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Ian Bezanson
Jared Butlin
Brendan Chard



Michele Clark
Neil Creighton
Neal Durling
Brendan Elder



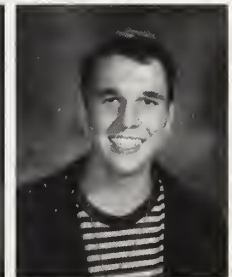
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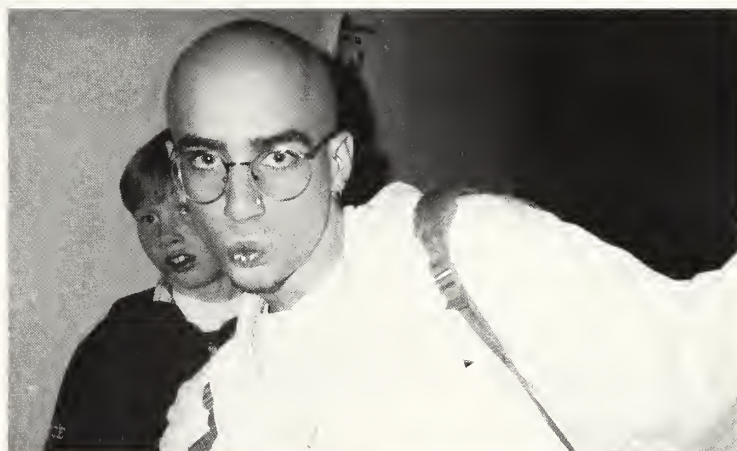


Upper Four



Samantha! Show us your poker face.

"You th' man!"



(Top) There's not enough room for the both of us in this picture, Lonnie.

Giving up childhood sports is difficult, isn't it Evan?

Deborah Pink can be seen sporting the "broken heater" look around HGS.

Ice can do that, you know.

Upper 5

Don't worry, Mimi got her orthodontist to dislodge the apple.

"My only friend, I love you."

Laura and Allana getting comfortable for French class.



(upper right) "You bore me."

"Don't mess with Karen The Potato Peeler".

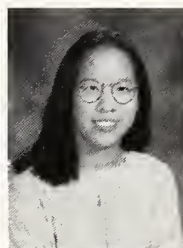
Quit the habit, Ian! Chalk tastes disgusting anyway.





Looking for Don Juan to tango with, Georgia?

Knowledge is power, but it also gives you really bad hand cramps.



Eugenia Branchi
Ian Caines
Jennifer Digby
Karina Issekutz
Karen Kiang



Mimi Li
Jimmy Miller
Maya Mukhida
Allana Munro
Nanda Nair



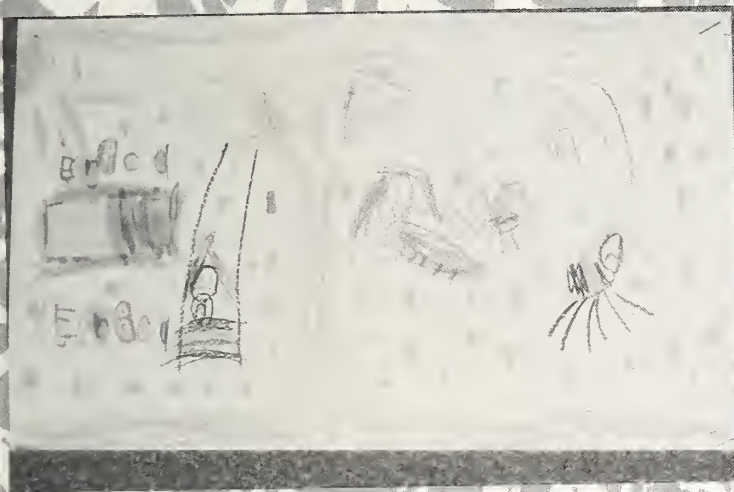
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Michael Tharamangalam
Catherine Thompson
Georgia Vandewater
Laura Waters



Nicholas Wilkinson
Nicholas Wright



Pictures and Poetry



Quaker bars

Granola is good,

Chewy, chewy, granola,

Chew, chew, chew, chew,

GOOD!

"Literature flourishes best when it is half a trade and half an art." -Dean Inge

"We do not enjoy poetry unless we know it to be poetry." -H.D. Thoreau

"I am two fools, I know/For loving, and for saying so/In whining poetry." -John Donne

Nerd

What are you guys doing?

Oh no, Oh no, NOT the wedgie!

OH MY GOD! WOW...

YEEH!

John Beauchamp, Upper 4

"Great literature is simply language charged with meaning to the utmost possible degree." -Ezra Pound

"Poetry is what gets lost in translation." -Robert Frost

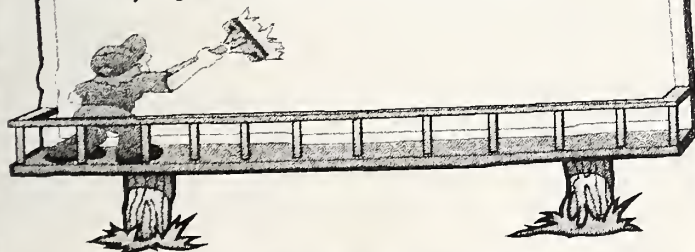
An excerpt from a story by William Cochran, Prep 4:

"I think that is my f-14 you are flying," said Mr. Laffoley a.k.a. Santa.

"Climb in we can't stay here forever," yelled Mr. Cochran. While they were taking off Will explained about the toon car.

"Well I would love to hang around up here with you," said Mr. Laffoley a.k.a. Santa, "this is a slow time of year for me."

"Sure no problem, if you change that 'C' to an 'A+' bribed Will, "and if you give me a 30 inch T.V. next Christmas."



"Two boys arrived yesterday with a pebble they said was the head of a dog until I pointed out that it was really a type-writer." -Pablo Picasso

"Art at its most significant is a distant early warning system that can always be relied on to tell the old culture what is beginning to happen to it." -Marshall McLuhan

"Art is not a handicraft, it is the transmission of feeling the author has experienced." -Leo Tolstoy

LIFE (Robert So, Prep 5)

My life,
is a white boat,
or a candle burning,
Fragile things that
might be destroyed,
My Life.
My home,
is a life boat
or a magical shield,
harmonious things to
make me feel safe,
My home.

LUCKY

A LUCKY
DUCKY
WENT ON A
TRUCKY
TO KENTUCKY
AND MET
PLUCKY.
ALLISON
DIGBY
PREP 3



THE FLY

AS I WOKE UP THIS MORNING,
I STOPPED FOR A MOMENT TO SEE
A FLY, BUZZING AROUND MY BED,
AS HAPPY AS COULD BE.

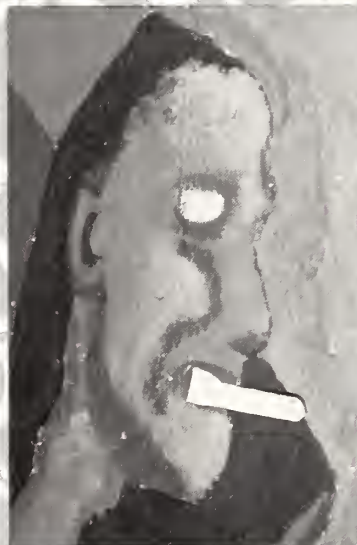
I REACHED FOR THE SOLUTION,
AS I WATCHED THE FLY LAND NEATLY ON MY COT,
THEN I BROUGHT DOWN THE SWATTER
AND KILLED THE FLY.
WHACK!! WITH JUST ONE SWAT.

RICHARD KODA
(UPPER ONE)

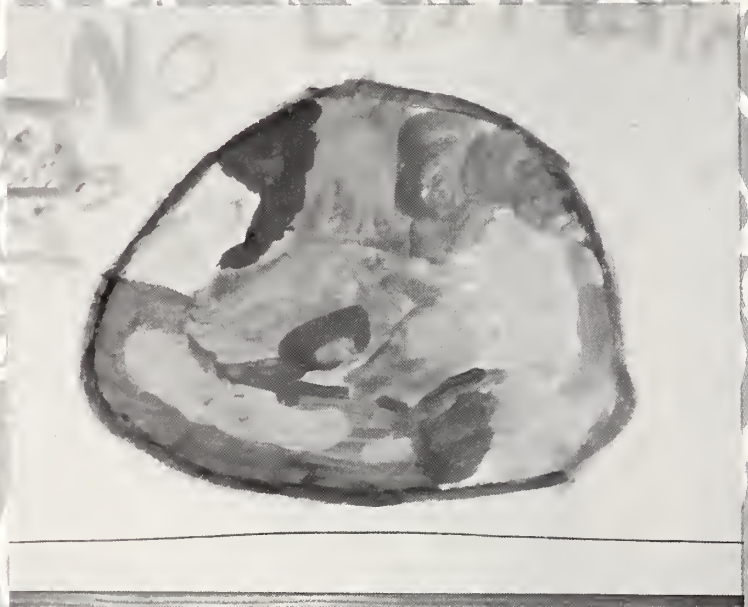
"Art is the only thing that can go on mattering once it has stopped hurting." -Elizabeth Bower

"That is the best part of beauty, which a picture cannot express." -Francis Bacon

"I strove with none; for none was worth my strife:/Nature I loved, and, next to nature, Art: ... " -Walter Savage Landor



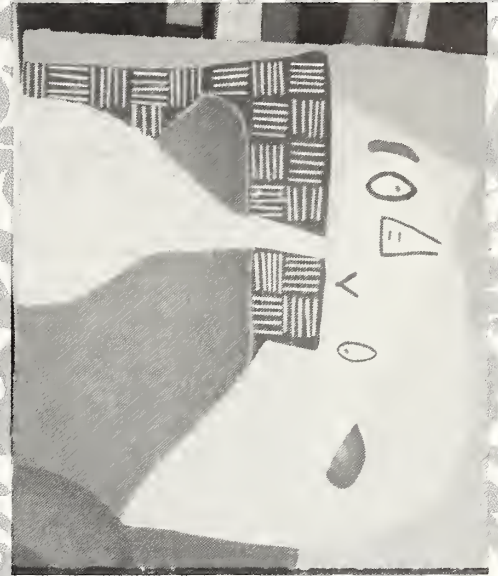
"Art never suppresses anything but itself." -Oscar Wilde





"All slang is metaphor, and all metaphor is poetry." - G.K. Chesterton

"... their poetry is conceived and composed in their wits, genuine poetry is conceived and composed in the soul." -Matthew Arnold



A Stormy Night
A loud crash
a blinding flash
the black sky
opens up

a zigzagging bolt
a thundering roar,
the darkness
enclosed around.

The wind shrieks
the tree cracks,
drops shatter
against the cold glass.

Only a thin pane
separates the two worlds,
one of protection and comfort
another of amazing beauty.

Alexa Smith
(Upper Three)

Untitled

Years ago it had seemed as though
This time would never come
And I feel dumb to say
That I was one who said so
But our high school days
Are finally over
We leave these familiar halls
To seek and destroy
New territory
We will go against the words of Hamlet
We will not be silent
The world will know our names
Our futures are bright and loud.

Andrea Bezanson
(Upper Six)

Dawn

The silence is broken
by a rooster's cry.
The sky still has its
colour of deep blue

A hint of light streams,
and the sun just peaks,
with its brilliant colours
of orange, yellow, and red

The roads are deserted,
the houses still sleep
while dawn arises
and its silence keeps

Barbara Bryson
(Prep Six)

"What is poetry? The suggestion by the imagination, of noble grounds for the noble emotions." -John Ruskin

"Wordsworth, Tennyson and Browning, or Pure, Ornate and Grotesque Art in English Poetry" -Walter Bagehot

"If poetry comes not as naturally as leaves to a tree, it had better not come at all." -John Keats

"Though we travel to find the beautiful, we must carry it with us or find it not." -R.W. Emerson

"Every artist writes his own autobiography." -Havelick Ellis

"Add the fact that to have conscientiously studied the liberal arts refines behaviour and does not allow it to be savage." -Ovid



The Spoken Poet

Wake up late
Stand up straight
Turn on shower
No hot water
Screaming, crying
Dancing, laughing
1, 2, 3, 4, 5,
etc...etc...*
Jumping, singing
Madness, dying,
Gotta do more,
Gotta be more!

Catherine Thompson
(Upper 5%)

I like my little brother
Although he is a pest.
He cannot even skateboard
And he's worse than all the rest.
Of course it's obvious
I don't know why
His wish is to fly.
I don't like it when he doesn't.

Peter Shafford
(Prep Two)

"Never trust the artist. Trust the tale. The proper function of a critic is to save the tale from the artist who created it." -D.H. Lawrence

"When once the itch of literature comes over a man [or woman], nothing can cure it but the scratching of a pen." -Samuel Loyer

"The artistic temperament is a disease that afflicts amateurs." -G.K. Chesterton



Amy

I was shocked by your red dress
My eyes widened my gaze tightened
Amazement filled the air
Normality was not for Amy

You were like an anomaly on the street
Creating a rift in time and thought
A dazzling ruby occurrence
To brighten the cloudy days

I have noticed that people squint their eyes
To examine your red dress
They have ascertained your uniqueness
And transcendence of style of era

You were a mild fascination for a while
An unexamined object
A thing to write about
And made immaculate in paint

The teens revelled in you
New fashions sprung from you
A new demographic label unearthed
The children of Amy

Now in deserts bare and far
We toil with our crimes
And watch and wait for winds to blow
And search for the likes of Amy

Jamie Gregor
(Upper Two)

A rabbit in my yard
digging very hard
looking for a carrot
but only found a carrot

Simon McCormick
(Primary)

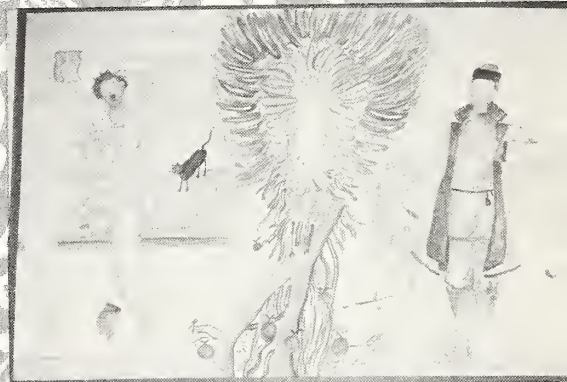
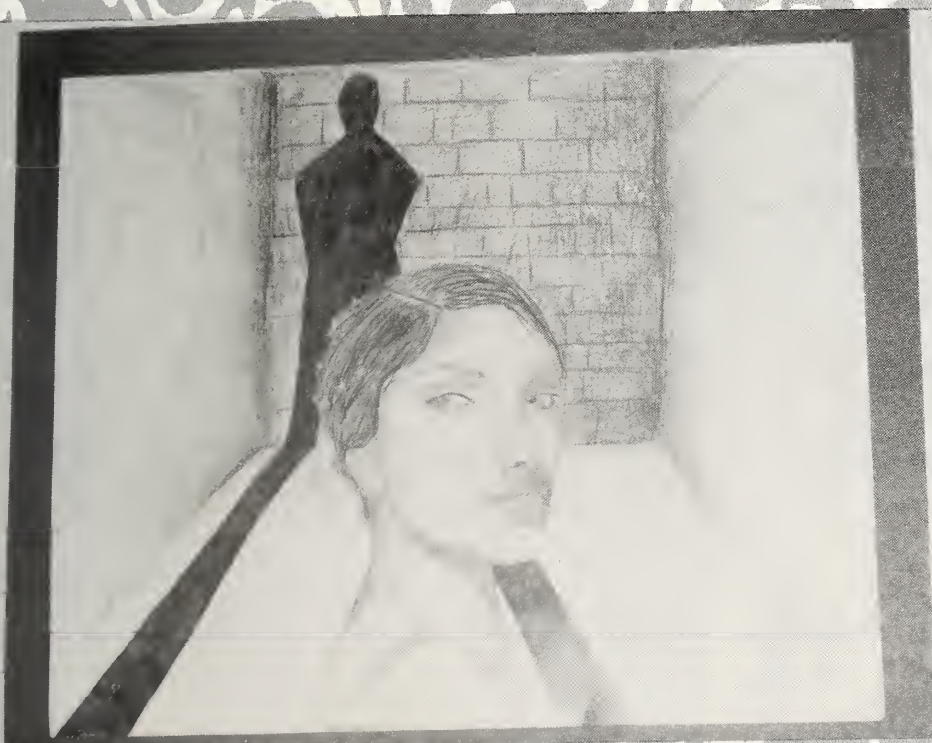
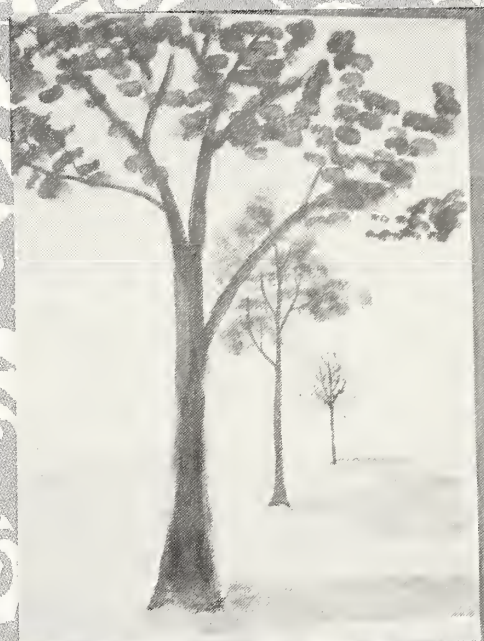
Summer

Slap on a hat.
Use 15 SPF or higher.
More likely to burn.
More people burn between
11:00 to 4:00.
Everybody burns.
Really it's true.

Austin Creighton
(Prep One)

"I sound my barbaric yawp over the roofs of the world."
-Walt Whitman

"As no man is born an artist, so no man is born an
angler." -Izaak Walton



"A poet's hope; to be, like some valley cheese, local
but prized elsewhere." -W.H. Auden

Clubs 1996

BREAK DANCING CLUB

Yo yo yo word up everybody! This is Johnny "Boombastic" Beauchamp in the house and we're kickin' it live in '95. The Halifax "G" School Break Dancing Team was in full effect this year, as we travelled all over the place spreading the love and showing the funky vibe that is break dancing to a whole new audience

Ever since I was a kid I knew that break dancing was gonna be here to stay, and began to practice for hours on end. Unfortunately, as the 80's passed on, I found that nobody seemed to share my love for the vibe anymore. Luckily, in Grade Nine I met The future co-captain of the team, Jared "Bustamove" Butlin, who had also been true to the sport. We decided to form a team, and the rest is break dancing history.

The team was made up of a couple of veterans and two rookies this year: Toby "Bucket of Bolts" Stoltz, Deborah "I Like to Wear Neon" Pink, Robin "Hip Hop" Hill, Neil "Slippery Like a Seal" Durling, and Philip "Don't Call Me Sherlock" Holm

We went to some preliminary tournaments throughout the province, held in break dancing hot spots like Pictou, East Chezzetcook, South Central Yarmouth and Canso, eventually moving on to the finals in Labrador. In the thrilling team final, we met the Moosejaw Mamma Jammies. We were behind by one point in the finishing stages when Neil Durling completed a perfect 10 "robot" maneuver to take the championship. Robin Hill won the singles competition as well, with Toby coming in a close second. Another highlight of the tournament was Jared's winning the competition for best "worm" move.

As you can see, we had a fantastic year overall, and we are already looking forward to next year's Nationals here at home in Tatamagouche. We hope to have your support next year, and remember to keep it real.

Peace!



PREP SCHOOL LIAISONS

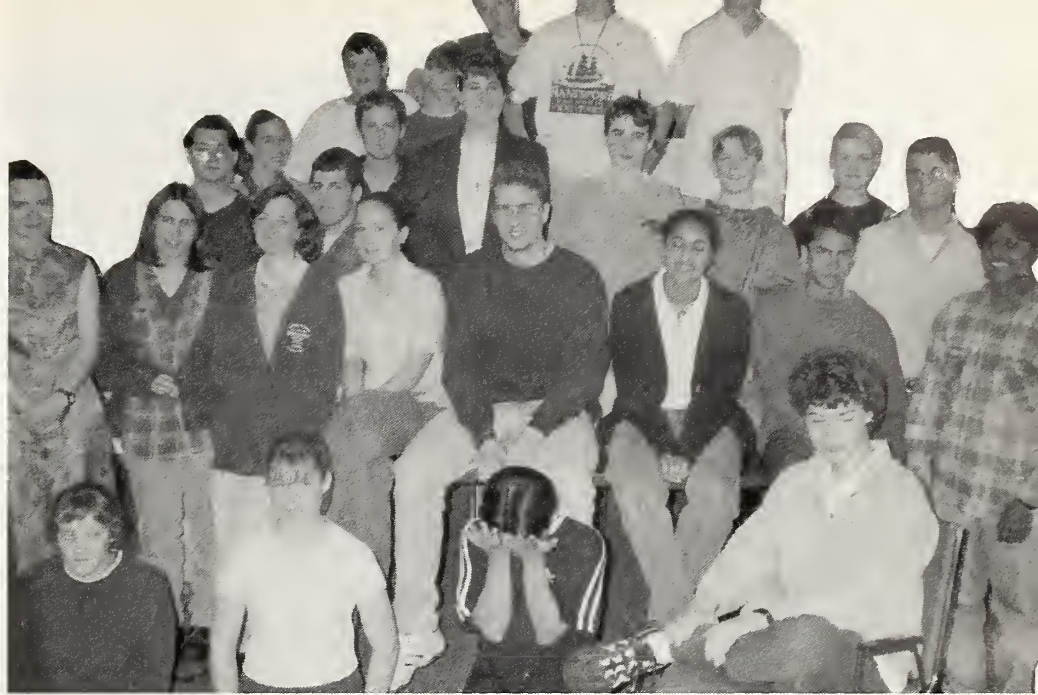
The goal of the liaisons is to create a bond between the Upper School and the Prep School, and also to give the Prep School some representation on the Student Council. This year Rachel White was the Head Liaison and led us bravely into battle at the Winter Carnival as we struggled to keep it a fun filled day! It was a successful year, and all those involved enjoyed themselves.

Right; back row (left to right) Rachel White, Julie Henderson, Jessica Hill, Jennifer Digby; front row (left to right) Billy Nikolaou, Bernadette Zakher, Kellie Manning.



DEBATING

The Halifax Grammar School Debating Society operated this year under the energy of Ms. Irina Efimov. We sent a senior team to the Nova Scotia Impromptu Debating Tournament comprised of Ian Caines and Karen Kiang. Alexa Smith placed first in both individual and team standings at the junior high level. At the St Francis-Xavier Moses Coady debating tournament, our teams placed 9th and 11th out of 30 teams. Robbie Cameron placed 6th, Ian Caines placed 9th, Lisa MacNeil-Covin placed 12th and Alexa Smith placed 13th. Ian Caines and Liza Piper competed as a team at Sodales debates and placed third and fourth respectively. Alexa Smith placed sixth. Liza Piper took first place in the core french division of the Debats de l'Acadien. Lisa MacNeil-Covin, Karen Kiang and Catherine Thompson took second and third places in the core french category as well. The senior high provincial championships resulted in a 4th place individual placing for Liza Piper and a 7th place finish for her team. Our teams placed 3rd and 11th at the junior high provincial championships. Individually, Alexa Smith was 3rd, Jack Dudley placed 5th and Jennifer Wheatley placed 10th. Alexa went on to represent Nova Scotia at the junior high nationals in Toronto. The Senior High National Team was chosen at the Queen's University Tournament. Liza Piper came second in Nova Scotia and 9th overall out of 180 debaters. A very successful year ended with our traditional celebration at Mexicali Rosa's.



Above; back row (left to right) Adam Conter, Ryan Misener, Andy Norman, Ian Campbell, Noah Pink; third row (left to right) Jack Dudley, Jennifer Digby, Robbie Cameron, Lisa MacNeil-Covin, Michael Smith, Robert Liston, Georgia Vandewater, Jimmy Miller; second row (left to right) Liza Piper, Julie Henderson, Alexa Smith, Matthew Lewington, Jennifer Wheatley, Nick Wright, Bernadette Zakher, Rohan Belliappa, Michael Tharaman-galam; front row (left to right) Julie Richard, Ginni Koreman, Mahmood Hussain, Ian Caines.

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*Good Luck
to the graduating class of
1996*

from Mr. Peter Billard and Ms. Barbara Pike

*Best Wishes
to the graduating class of
1996*

from Mr. Peter and Mrs. Patricia Bryson

*Congratulations
to the students of H.G.S.
for an outstanding year!*

*From Dr. Howard
and Mrs. Karen Conter*



House Captains

The house captains had a good year lifting school morale through various activities such as the Goofy Olympics and the infamous pudding fight. From left to right: Adam Dyer, Iain Finlayson, Jessica Hill, Lisa Macneil-Covin, Nick Wright, Kellie Manning. Special thanks to Ms. Brock for running the show.



Outdoors Club

The outdoors club assimilated a group of individuals that enjoy outdoor activities. Organized by Mr. Moffat, the club went rock climbing at Eagle's Nest in Bedford where they perfected their technique and were made very aware that keeping your legs and feet in front of you is very important (ask Karina)! Jen was afraid to come down. From left to right: Karina Issekutz, Mimi Li, Maya Mukhida, Jennifer Digby.





VAGRANT



HGS was proud to produce its first ever edition of The Vagrant, a book of poetry and artwork. Special thanks to Jason Bogart for coming up with the idea and guiding the committee. From left to right: Jason Bogart, Alexandra Seay, Elizabeth Dodds, Catherine Thompson, Alexa Smith, Samantha Robertson.

Drama Club members, from left to right, back to front row: Adrienne Horton, Ian Wilson, Alexander Kitz, Noah Pink, Julie Richard, Alexis Granelli, Elizabeth Dodds, Mahmood Hussain, Ginni Koreman, Sarah Robertson, Jamie Gregor, Samantha Robertson, Ashleigh McKenna, Darah Gaum, Jana Miller, Jesse Fetterly, Anthony Abato, Lauren Abrahams, Tamar Altschuler, Alexa Smith, Jennifer Wheatley.

Upper Drama



The Magic Club



Front left: Tim Pelzer, Kevin Armour, William Cochran, Niklaus Schwenker, Andrew Conrod, Ian Armour, Eric Goldberg, Mats Junek. Middle: Christian Slater. Back left: Teddy Benstead, Read Guernsey, Ben Pelzer, Oliver Stoffyn.



The Titanic Club



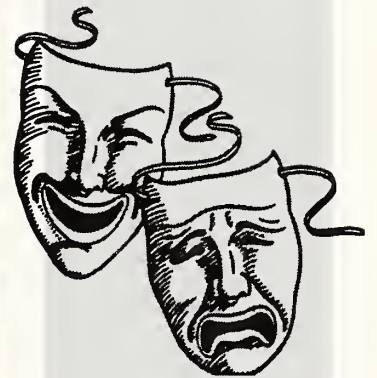
Front, left to right: Ian Armour, Reubin Soloman, Kristopher Skiba. Middle, left to right: Patrick Bryson, Jennifer Jackson, Sean Sullivan-Smith. Back, left to right: Andrew Bethune, Kevin Armour, Ben Goldberg.



Prep Choir



Top left: Sarah Langley, Carl Eisenbarth, Sara Zatzman, Caroline Brett, Barbara Bryson, Jenna Jamieson, Tabitha Osler, Gwendolyn Chapman, Nirupama Belliappa. Middle left: Jenny Macdonald, Jane Willworth, Arwen Ross, Kristin Wheatley, Lisa Goldberg, Hazel Walling-Raymond, Jonathan Sadubin, Kate Macdonald, Ian Bethune, Jenna Conter. Seated left: Carole Reid, Rhiann Pask, Emily Wiggin, Nandy Okraku.



Dramatic Dance

Very front: Tabitha Osler, Sara Zatzman. Front left: Bridget Arsenault, Farah Abdoly, Barbara Bryson, Jenna Jamieson, Margaret Sheridan, Charlotte Skiba, Charisse Roza, Alexandra Seay. Back left: Meg Pooley, Angela Miller, Laura Tupper-Ring, Kerry Lawrence, Clara Corkum, Nicole Roda, Hilary Kitz, Jennifer Jackson, Ellen Garson.

Band



Red Dragon





Attention!

It is often universally forgotten that sports are not simply made of games, but of many other things. Would our year of sports at H.G.S. have been the same without the fans, the benchwarmers or all of those team trips? Here's to all those other memorable moments that encompass our thoughts on school sports.



Senior Boys Soccer

The Senior Boys team enjoyed a great season this year. They were not only the MAIS champions, but they also won the regional championships, and were runner-up in the provincial championships.

Seniors



left to right (back row): Peter Brannon, Brendan Chard, Brendan Elder, Ben Lander, Matthew Sommerfeld, Nick Gill, Adam Dyer, Zavin Nazaretian. (middle row) Adam White, Iain Finlayson, Billy Nikolau, Craig Oliver, Danny Roscoe. (front row) Toby Stoltz, John Beauchamp, Chris Coxon.

Senior Girls Soccer

The Senior Girls had a successful season this year, as they won the regional championships!

left to right (back row): Kellie Manning, Jenny Oliver, Amy Schwartz, Jennifer Bryant, Laura Waters, Jennifer DeGrasse, Bernadette Zakher, Michelle Clark, Mizue Sasaki, Zoe Nudell. (front row) Allana Munro, Julie Henderson, Liza Piper, Jennifer Digby, Sillbe Jeon, Maya Mukhida, Mimi Li.





Junior Girls Soccer

The Junior Girls team had a good season this year. They played well all year before suffering a heart-breaking loss in overtime in the city semifinals of the Junior Girls 'B' League.

left to right (back row): Laura Gray, Ada Poranek, Alexandra Seay. (middle row) Lydia Dunn, Sarah Robertson, Lizzy Dodds, Ashley McKenna, Jana Miller, Adrienne Horton, Darah Gaum. (front row) Alexa Smith.

left to right (back row): Mr. Sumarah, Peter Campbell, Johnny Hockin, Jamie Lo, Richard Roda, William Eisenbarth, Ian Wilson, David Barrow, James Swartz, Mr. Laffoley. (front row) Christophe Barrow, Christopher Arsenault, Mahmmud Hussain, Robert Liston, Paul Radchuck, David Mealiea, Ian Campbell.



Junior Boys Soccer

The U13 boys had a terrific season this year, winning the city 'B' league and the playoffs! The team also made it to the championship round at the CAIS tournament in Montreal.

Juniors



(left to right) Daniel Roscoe, Evin Petley-Jones, Toby Stoltz.

left to right (back row): George Zakher, Steven Issekutz, John Murphy, Andrew Fraser-Maclean, Craig Oliver, Robin MacLachlan. (front row) Billy Mastrapas, Michael DeGrasse, Rohan Belliappa, James Bryson, Jacob Cook-ey, Marc Gill.

The Junior boys team did well this year. They hosted the MAIS volleyball tournament at SMU, as well as winning the plyoffs in the city 'B' volleyball league.



Senior Boys Volleyball



Junior Boys Volleyball

Senior Girls Volleyball



left to right (back row): Jennifer Bryant, Jennifer DeGrasse, Liza Piper, Michelle Clark, Andrea Bezan-son, Victoria Lake, Jennifer Digby. (front row) Maya Mukhida, Lisa MacNeil-Covin, Julie Henderson, Mimi Li Eugenia Branchi, L'aura Joy.

left to right: Ada Poranek, Ashley Mckenna, Lauren Abrahams, Darah Gaum.



Junior Girls Volleyball



Senior Girls Basketball

The Senior Girls had a very successful year this year, winning the metro championships! The team also co-hosted the regional championships (at HGS and SMU), and went to provincials.



left to right (back row): Bernadette Zakher, Kellie Manning, Jennifer Digby, Jenny Oliver, Mimi Li. (front row) Julie Henderson, Zoe Nudell, Samantha Robertson, Jennifer DeGrasse, Liza Piper, Allana Munro.



left to right (back row): Ashley Mckenna, Quinn Morehouse. (front row) Mr. Sumarah, Jennifer Lo, Jana Miller, Lydia Dunn, Darah Gaum, Alexa Smith.



Junior Girls Basketball



left to right (back row): Mr. White, Nick Wright, Chris Coxon, Nick Gill, Adam Dyer, Matthew Sommerfeld, Iain Finlayson, Mr. Sumarah. (front row) Toby Stoltz, Jared Butlin, Danny Roscoe, John Beauchamp, Billy Nikolau.

left to right (back row): Rohan Belliappa, Steven Issekutz, Jason Lindsay, Anthony Abato, Craig Oliver, Jason Bogart, George Zakher. (middle row) Michael Lawrence, Ian Wilson, Michael DeGrasse, David Mealiea, James Bryson.



Senior Boys Basketball



The Senior Boys enjoyed a year as successful as that of the girls, also capturing the metro championships and going to provincials. The boys hosted the regional championships at HGS and SMU as well.



The Junior boys competed in the 'A' league for the first time this year, and they did very well for their first year of 'A' league competition.



Junior Boys Basketball

Mini BASKETball

The Bantam "C" Boys basketball team (right) were second in Bantam "C" city playoffs

Back Row (left to right) Ian Wilson, Mahmood Hussain, Richard Roda, Ryrie Vandewater, David Barrow, Noah Pink, Coach Paul Hussain; Front Row (left to right) Paul Radchuck, Mathiev Bernier, David Mealiea, Michael Miller, William Eisenbarth.



(Above) Back Row (left to right) Daniel Abato, Alastair Moir, Jamie Lo, Johnny Hockin, Ricky Gupta; Front Row (left to right) Iain Armour, Nickolaus Willwerth, Farzad Abdoly, Jonah Snyder, Ravi Mishra.



(Above right) Back Row (left to right) Carl Eisenbarth, Teddy Benstead, Nicholas Hansen-Macdonald, William Sheridan; Front Row (left to right) William Cochran, Robert Kitz, Anthony Federico, Andrew Conrod.

Front left to right: Jane Willwerth, Stephanie Norman, Bridget Arsenault, Sarah Miller, Katie Radchuck, Farah Abdoly. Back, left to right: Maxine Nazaretian, Kristin Wheatley, Lauren Billard, Almira Hussain, Lisa Goldberg, Sarah Zatzman, Barbara Bryson, Michael DeGrasse.



The Mini "C" Boys basketball team were first in their league and runner up in playoffs. The Mini "B" Girls basketball team were second in the HMBA Mini "B" Girls League.

Swimming



This year HGS put together a swimming team that came second overall at the ACIS meet.

Hockey



For the first time in years, HGS put together a hockey team and played exhibition games against KES and Armbrae.

Track and Field



HGS hosted the MAIS tournament at Saint Mary's University. Ada Poranek and George Zakher qualified for provincials as intermediate girl and junior boy after winning events at regionals.



This year, HGS won MAIS overall as well as divisions 2, 3, 4 and sent a double team (James Bryson and Jacob Cookey) and a single player (Marc Gill) to the provincials.

B A D M I N T O N



What is the #1 ailment suffered by the students in gym class?

- a) Asthma.
- b) Exhaustion.
- c) Hypothermia.

What is the most valuable thing in the gym that exercises HGS athletic ability?

- a) The basketball nets.
- b) The soccer nets.
- c) The shatter proof glass to the gym teachers' office.

What is the most effective way to get on the sports department's good side?

- a) Suck up.
- b) Play hard.
- c) Shower them with "Play It Again Sports" gift certificates.

What is the secret to HGS teams' erratic game plans?

- a) Spirited, quick thinking players.
- b) Last minute decisions to counter attack the other team.
- c) The noise from the fan in the gym distorts everything the coach says.

S P O R T S C O R N E R



	<u>MVP</u>	<u>MIP/100%*</u>
U123 Girls Soccer.....	Adrienne Horton.....	Darah Gaum *Alexa Smith
U123 Bays Soccer.....	Jacob Cookey.....	Marc Gill
Under 13 Bays Soccer.....	David Barrow.....	*Chris Arsenault
U456 Girls Soccer.....	Julie Henderson.....	*Zoe Nudell
	Jennifer Digby	Bernadette Zakher
U456 Bays Soccer.....	Peter Brannon	*Dan Roscoe
	Iain Finlayson	
Prep Cross Country.....	Barbara Bryson	
Upper Cross Country.....	Ben Lander	
U123 Girls Volleyball.....	Ada Poranek.....	Alexis Granelli
	Adrienne Horton	
U123 Bays Volleyball "B".....	Mike DeGrasse.....	Jack Dudley
U456 Girls Voleyball	Lisa Macneil-Covin.....	L'aura Joy
Mini Girls Basketball "B".....	Katie Radchuck.....	*Sarah Zatzman *Barbara Bryson
Mini "C" Basketball.....	Jamie Lo.....	*Ricky Gupta Alastair Moir
Bantam "C" Bays Basketball.....	Ian Wilson.....	Mahmood Hussain *William Eisenbarth
U123 Girls Basketball.....	Quynn Morehouse.....	Jennifer Lo
U123 Bays Basketball "A".....	Craig Oliver.....	Mike DeGrasse *Jason Lindsay
U456 Girls Basketball	Julie Henderson.....	Jennie Oliver
U456 Boys Basketball.....	Matthew Sommerfeld.....	Nick Gill
Hockey.....	Jacob Cookey.....	Richard Norman
	Honorable mention:.....	Roddy LeGay
Prep Badminton (MVP).....	(G) Sarah Zatzman.....	(B) Ricky Gupta
Upper Badminton (MVP).....	(G) Julie Henderson.....	(B) Mark Gill
Upper Badminton	Jacob Cookey	
(Doubles Champs).....	James Bryson	
Prep Track & Field.....	Peter Campbell.....	*Christian Stringer
Upper Track & Field.....	Ada Poranek.....	*George Zakher
Prep Sportsmanship Award.....	Sarah Zatzman	
Upper Sportsmanship Award.....	Michele Clark	
Prep Rookie of the Year.....	(B) Christoph Barrow.....	(G) Katie Radchuck
Junior High Rookie of the Year.....	(B) David Barrow.....	(G) Quynn Morehouse
High School Rookie of the Year.....	(B) Danny Roscoe.....	(G) Zoe Nudell
Prep Athletes of the Year.....	(B) James Lo.....	(G) Barbara Bryson
Intermediate Athletes of the Year.....	(B) Micheal DeGrasse....	(G) Ada Poranek
Senior Athletes of the Year.....	(B) Chris Coxon.....	(G) Julie Henderson

Sports Awards '95-'96



HALLOWEEN





CROSS-COUNTRY RUN



WINTER CARNIVAL



German Immersion





Keji '95





On September 27th, twenty seven students and six chaperones set forth for Kejimikujik National Park armed only with sleeping bags, tents and enough food to feed the armed forces of a small nation. Their enthusiasm was matched only by the quantity of gear each seemed to bring, and with the bus fully loaded this year's Upper Six drove off into grammar School history.

Our first day was occupied with determining which tent pole went into which socket as well as the challenges of "The Ropes." Mr. Moffat had provided us with three difficult physical challenges that required the students to work as a team to solve the variety of problems presented. For some, the mysteries of the ropes were elusive, but since supper didn't begin until the challenges were met, each group managed to complete the course, spurred on by hunger if nothing else. That evening the rope challenges continued with an obstacle

course that was completed in total darkness.

Thursday began early for some as students set forth to conquer the wilderness of Keji through hiking and canoeing. One group had set for themselves the challenge circumnavigating the northern end of the park, but found themselves battling gale force head winds. Despite a heroic, some might say epic, struggle led by Mr. Beazley the group was forced to turn back before reaching the second portage. After drying out around a hastily constructed fire they set out on foot to reach this same destination but alas time was now the enemy and the expedition had to be abandoned. The weary but humbled band made their way back to the base camp but could hold their heads high as they had given the task their all. The other two groups didn't fare much better as the brutal winds made their trips equally difficult. Nevertheless, guided by Ms. Meehan and Mrs. Jackson they managed to find their way around the central area of the park.

That night the first, of what will certainly be many, "Headmaster's Chase" was conducted under the experienced and enthusiastic direction of Mr. Messenger. Adorned in fatigues and camouflage makeup the house captains, Mr. Salloum and the Headmaster set out to hide themselves among the rocks and trees of Jim Charles point. After an exhaustive search Robin Hill managed to capture Mr. Messenger and earn one hundred points for his house. Mr. Salloum managed to evade capture by lashing himself high in the branches of a large pine tree.

For me, those few days provided not only a great deal of enjoyment but a chance to see the students in their natural habitat. From what I have seen it has become increasingly clear to me just how congenial and caring a group of students we will graduate this June. To Upper Six and the brave souls who offered to join us, I offer my profound thanks and look forward to more of the same in years to come.

-Mr. R. Marchand



STUDYING ABROAD

LOUISBOURG



OTTAWA



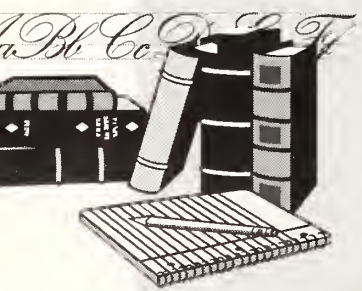
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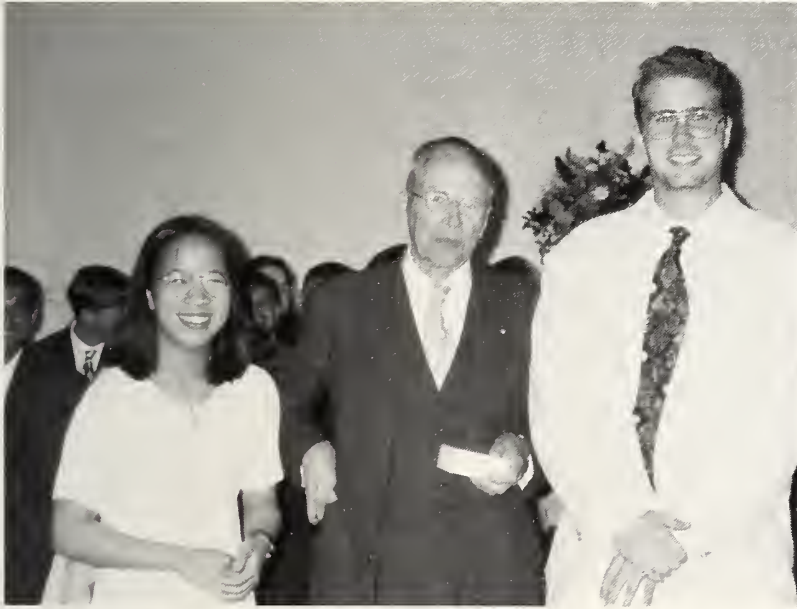
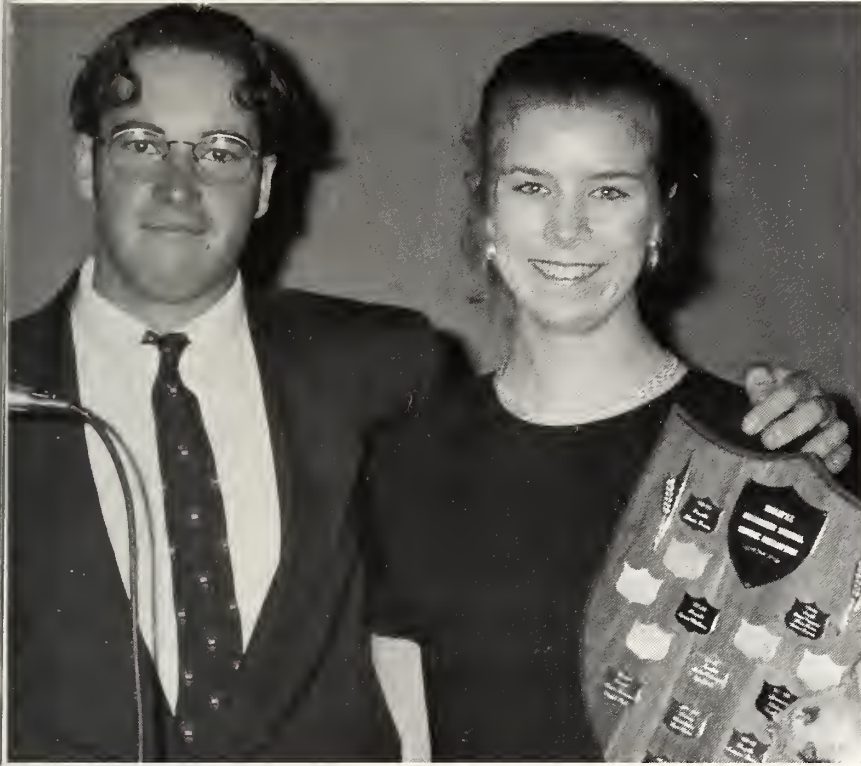
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A Closing to the Prep Year



Upper School Closing





Valedictory Address

"At first I must admit that I was more than a little intimidated at the prospect of getting up here and speaking in front of such a large group of people. Of course, this lasted only until I realized that any mistake I may make, be it grammatical, inflective or otherwise, can be directly attributed to the Halifax Grammar School English Department as it was up to them to prepare me, and indeed all of us, for occasions such as this one. Luckily for both myself and all of you, I believe that they have prepared me, as have all of the other teachers in all of the other subjects that I have studied over my eight year tenure at HGS.

This, I guess, brings me to one of the main themes of this address; that being the theme of preparation. I do believe that no matter how hard we struggled against it in the past, as myself and the rest of the graduates head off into university, into the workforce, or into both, we will be prepared by virtue of our education here at HGS. The knowledge that we received about the world around us in our various fields of study, and the knowledge of ourselves that came about as we all, in our individual ways, learned to handle the curriculum. (And as a personal aside to my members of the class who took Mr. Marchand's *Theory of Knowledge* course, don't you think we learned more about ourselves than we ever wanted to know?) Of course, if I am wrong about this whole preparation issue, my life could be a bit of a nasty surprise, but I don't believe I am wrong, as my education here has given me one more quality that I forgot to mention: courage in my convictions.

I believe that in order to succeed here, every single person in the class had to have a certain amount of courage in their conviction that a Grammar School education, after giving us a thousand term papers, tests and exams to lose sleep over, will give us something else as we head out the door: an advantage. People are always telling my generation that it will be harder for us to succeed than it was for our parents, that jobs are becoming so scarce, that it is harder to make a living, etc. In the face of all of this, I believe it would be foolish for someone not to take advantage of all the opportunities that are made available to them. That, I guess, is the advantage that I referred to just a second ago. Whether it was through the academics, the sports teams, the debating society, or whatever, the school worked hard to provide us with every opportunity to succeed. In one way or another, as well, we all did take advantage of those opportunities and that is why we're all sitting here today. The Grammar School not only opened every possible door for us, sometimes it pushed us through, and that is a true advantage in this world.

By public high school standards, we are a very small graduating class, yet by Grammar School standards, we are a very large graduating class, and therein lies the duality of diversity and community that characterizes our class. We are an incredibly diverse collection of individuals, and it would not be at all difficult to find two class members who would disagree on everything from music to fashion, from literature to politics. It would also, however, not be at all difficult to find, in any one class member's photo album, a group photo of the lot of us standing in the rain in Quebec, in the woods in Keji, or at the top of whatever that huge monument was in Boston. I guess what I am trying to say is that the diversity of the individuals in my class in no way diminished the sense of community that existed.

Apart from the education we have received here and apart from the knowledge that we gained here, we also leave HGS and something else; memories. I will never forget, for instance, watching Ben get his then long hair permed in Boston, or watching Liza jump in Halifax harbour after I bet her \$20 that she wouldn't. I will never forget trying to get under a shop awning with the entire rest of the class in a torrential downpour in Quebec, nor will I forget helping to drag a certain classmate home who happened to, shall we say, overindulge himself in one of the Quebec's many nightclubs. It is memories like these that have made my stay here so vivid in my mind, and just remember; I learned that if you cannot remember what you may have done, don't worry, all your friends probably have Polaroids and videotape.

The class's small size allowed us to get to know each other fairly well and has also, over the years, allowed our teachers to get to know us as individuals, on a personal level we will not be experiencing in the 500 person classes so common in first year university. They were able to know us personally and teach us personally, and thereby equip us with the skills that they felt we most needed, on an individual level, to prosper in life. Of course, since I know I made it through and have graduated, it is much easier to let go of my long held belief that teachers are inherently marvelous beings. All joking aside, the teachers here not only taught us the rules of existentialist thought and the method for deriving the quadratic formula, they have taught us how to believe in ourselves and how to apply the knowledge that they have given us to any situation in which it would be of benefit. On behalf of my class, I would like to thank the teaching staff for not attempting to teach us what to think, but rather for teaching us how to.

Also on behalf of the class, I would like to thank the parents who made the decision to send us here. I am sure that in many of my classmates' households, including mine, parents were assaulted by plans to change schools that were often supported by reasons that began with the words "but all my friends". I am guessing that in the case of my class, the final group who stayed to graduate, their parents suffused such plans with arguments that contained the words "your best interests". Whether you have suffered through this scenario or not, I would like to thank you, on behalf of my class, for making the sacrifice to give us an HGS education. Now that it's all over, we finally appreciate it.

We have just finished a major stage in our life, and we are all going to scatter across the continent come September to embark on the next one. Prepared by our parents and teachers, we are leaving, having been given every chance to succeed. For now, however, we have to months in which we need not think about essays, exams, tests and such. We have two months to reflect on what we have accomplished, and what we would like to. Now is a time of reflection and on behalf of the graduating class, I would like to quote Bob Dylan, who once wrote:

*'With all memory and fate, driven deep beneath the waves
let me forget about today, until tomorrow.'*

The above address was given at the Graduation and Upper School Closing on June 17, 1996 by Scott McKenna, Valedictorian.

AWARDS 1996

House trophy	Acadia
Prep School Award For Progress	
Prep 5	Farzad Abdoly
Prep 6	Peter Benstead
Prep Six History Prize	Alastair Moir
Ian Spencer Award	Jenny MacDonald
Tema Conter Memorial Award	Kristin Wheatley
The Castalia Award	
Prep School	Barbara Bryson
Junior High School	Jamie Gregor
Senior High School	Robbie Cameron
	Elizabeth Cowie
Markus Jannasch Memorial Award	Zoë Nudell
H.G.S. Public Speaking	
Upper 2	Jamie Gregor
Upper 3	Lauren Abrahams
Debating Society Award	Alexa Smith
H.G.S. Science Awards	
Upper 1	Noah Pink
Upper 2	Ashleigh McKenna
Upper 3	Alia Makhida
Senior Sciences Award	Liza Piper
Senior Mathematics Award	Ron Lai
Senior High English Prize	Liza Piper
Senior Languages Award	Liza Piper
Rita Aterman Award	Darryn Steeves
	Jennifer Bryant
The Clio Prize	Jack Dudley
H.G.S. Award of Merit	Jennifer Bryant
	Julie Henderson
	Darryn Steeves
	Rachel White
	Ron Lai
Academic Achievement Awards	
Upper 1	Noah Pink
	David Mealiea
Upper 2	Ashleigh McKenna
Upper 3	Matthew Furrow
Upper 4	Meg Pooley
Upper 5	Karen Kiang
The University of Toronto Book Award	Liza Piper
MacPherson Award	Adam Conter
CAS Award	Lisa MacNeil-Covin
H.G.S. Letters	Jennifer Bryant
	Chris Coxon
	Jennifer Degrasse
	Iain Finlayson
	Julie Henderson
	Kellie Manning
	Liza Piper
	Jessica Hill
	Lisa MacNeil-Covin
The O'Halloran Trophy	Alexa Smith
The Lieutenant Governor's Medal	Karen Kiang
	Nick Wright
The Walter Leslie Shield	Lisa MacNeil-Covin
The Nancy Moir Hawkins Memorial Award	Kellie Manning
	Ben Lander
The Birks Medal	Liza Piper
The Queen Elizabeth II Medal	Lisa MacNeil-Covin
The Governor General's Medal	Liza Piper

HEADMASTER'S NOTE

This is my first year at H.G.S. and I would like to pay tribute to my first graduation class at H.G.S., the class of '96. New challenges are always stressful so I can personally empathize with those in the class who were the first I.B. candidates at H.G.S. In a real sense they were pioneers and their success, four obtained diplomas and the fifth just missed, proved that our best students can compete with the best anywhere in the world! In their honour we will have a handsome new International Baccalaureate Honour Board mounted in the foyer on which their inscribed names will inspire those who follow in future years.

This class had character because it had so many diverse characters. Many in the class lamented that they weren't closer as a group. Perhaps, but individually and as a group the class of '96 has made its mark. Julie, Liza, Lisa, Scott and Aylin led academically; Kellie, Jennifer, Chris, Julie, Ian and Peter to name a few led on the playing fields; and Kelly, Darryn Ben, Lisa and Adam gave lively organizational leadership with sparked all sorts of positive initiatives throughout the year. The highlight from my perspective, however, came at graduation with Scott McKenna's magnificent valedictory address - the best in memory - one that captured the true spirit of Scott's class and the school.

Finally, while the members of this class weren't always kind to each other, they were exceedingly kind to the new Headmaster and I thank them for that! My only regret is that I did not have time to get to know you each better! Nevertheless I will follow your future careers with great interest.

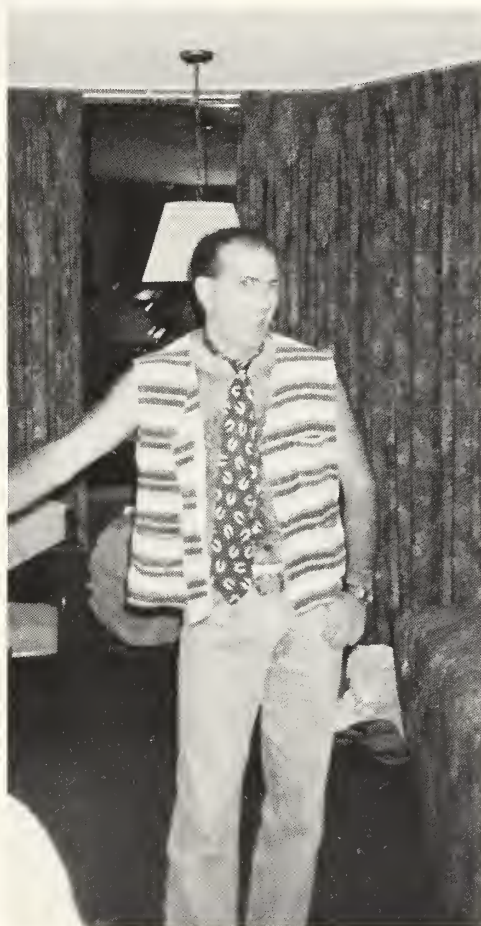
John A. Messenger

Headmaster



So Long Saboo and Salloum

Mr. Sumarah



After years of energetically teaching gym class and coaching various different HGS athletic teams we were all disappointed to hear that Mr. Sumarah would be leaving. Affectionately known to all as Saboo he devoted much, if not all, of his spare time towards making his gym class enjoyable by all and increasing the level of performance of our athletes. We all give our thanks for his dedication, desire and his absolute confidence in our ability to win.

Mr. Salloum

Mr. Salloum arrived at the Halifax Grammar School in 1993 to teach Physics and Mathematics. As well as imparting the value of a strong work ethic, he also made many contributions to student activities. On unforgettable act of spirit was a demonstration of his unusual acrobatic ability when he tied himself high up in a tree during the Kejimkujik trip, thereby eluding capture during the Headmaster's Chase.

Mr. Salloum has cheerfully agreed to chaperone many school dances and has also volunteered to be the victim of some of Student Council's more interesting activities. For all of this, we thank him. We miss him as he leaves us this year for greener pastures. The Halifax Grammar School wishes him luck in the future.

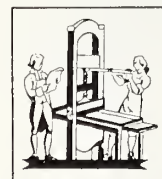


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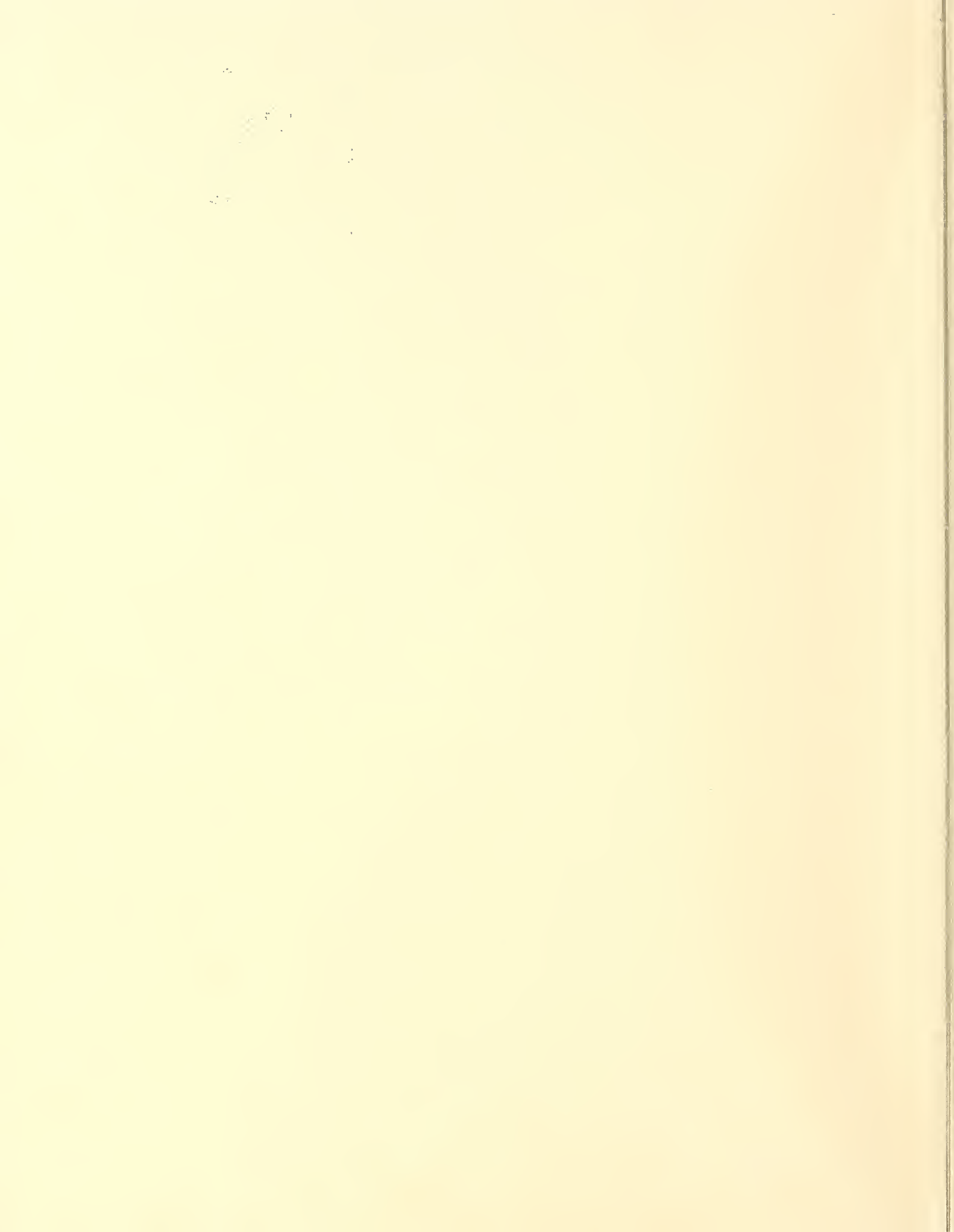
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